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75 per cent dissatisfied with Major:
Party's rating is lowest in 15 years

Election blow for Tories as support falls

BY PETER RIDDELL

SUPPORT for the Tories has fallen to the lowest level since they won power 15 years ago, providing a gloomy background to the Conservative Party's prospects in the local council elections next week and the elections to the European Parliament on June 9.

A new MORI poll for *The Times* puts the Tories on 26 per cent. Not only is this lower than during previous mid-term setbacks but it is also a drop from the plateau of the previous 11 months, when the Tory rating was stuck at around 28-29 per cent.

This dashes Conservative hopes that support had reached an irreducible hard core minimum.

The latest poll shows that dissatisfaction with the Government's performance and with the way John Major is doing his job as Prime Minister has risen to the record levels of last summer. Less than 20 per cent of the public are satisfied with Mr Major's performance, and 75 per cent are dissatisfied. Only 10 per cent approve of the Government's record in office, and 84 per cent disapprove, three percentage points higher over the past month.

These findings will reinforce the existing pessimism of Tory MPs before the electoral tests and their concern that traditional party supporters will stay at home in protest at the Government's policies.

The poll puts Labour on 47 per cent, down two points compared with last month, and in the same range as over the previous few months. The public remain unexcited with John Smith's performance. More voters are dissatisfied than satisfied with the way he is doing his job as Labour Leader, for the first time since September.

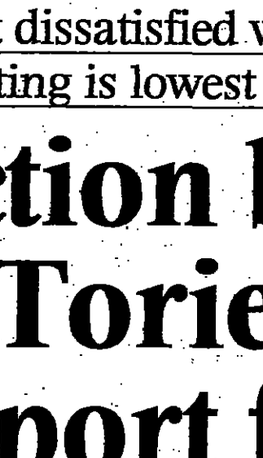
The main advance this month has been by the Liberal Democrats, up three points to 23 per cent. This has been linked with a big rise in Paddy Ashdown's personal rating, as the proportion satisfied with the way he is doing his job as party leader has risen five points to 46 per cent.

Full details of the latest MORI poll, including the latest economic optimism index, will appear in *The Times* tomorrow.

The results from the local elections on May 5 may be confused since comparison is with contests four years ago, when Labour had record gains outside London but the Tories did well in parts of the capital. Whatever happens in a week's time, many Tories are worried about across-the-board losses in the European elections. Such losses would reopen speculation about Mr Major's leadership of the Conservative Party.

Labour looks best placed to win most seats in both the local and European elections. The biggest relative improvement compared with previous elections, however, is likely to be by the Liberal Democrats.

The Tories are worried by the strength of the Liberal Democrats in the South-West, especially in the European poll, while Labour faces a challenge in some northern cities from the Liberal Democrats in the local elections.



MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,917 adults at 148 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on April 21 to 25. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (8 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or refuse to name a party (2 per cent).

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DENIS FARRELL

Crowds snaking through Alexandra township, Johannesburg, on their way to vote

Mama Suzman, apartheid's scourge, stays angry to the end

FROM SIMON JENKINS IN SOWETO



Suzman: blacks greet her "royal progress"

"WE want to vote for you, Helen ... we always know you ... you are still so young." Helen Suzman, apartheid's dogged opponent, was in Soweto for the first day of democracy. I have to report she did not enjoy it. No longer a politician but an election commissioner, her tour was more a royal progress.

"Mama Suzman" was greeted wherever she went. "the lady who fought apartheid ... come here, Helen, and tell us how to vote."

Mile after mile of waiting electors clearly regarded the presence of this stubborn and determined South African as the final benefaction on their revolution. Even at 76 she would have found a place on most party lists. But she had done with politicking.

Or almost done. Mrs Suzman's biting tongue, for 36 years the lash of apartheid ministers, had lost none of its sting. "How long have you been waiting?" she demanded of a starstruck lady in Dube, overwhelmed at shaking her hand. "Oh, Mrs Suzman, two hours, but that's fine, please don't mind. I've been waiting 46 years." The commissioner brushed aside such sentiment. "Rubbish, not good enough. Returning officer, what's happening? No ballot boxes? Shocking! Disgraceful! Sophie, phone headquarters."

As we toured Soweto, the inefficiencies became ever more apparent — and alarming. Soweto does not easily forgive the authorities their mistakes, even when the authorities claim to be doing good. Soweto is likely to smell a trick. From Diepkloof to Orlando and up the famous hill to Dube, lines of voters stretched along streets and round corners. One helicopter report put the longest queue snake at three miles. As I marvelled at the historic nature of the scene, Helen Suzman replied with nothing but fulmination. "No stamps, Oh my God! What's going on here? Why has voting not begun yet? No stickers — where are the stickers? Where is the returning officer?"

In Orlando West we encountered Mrs Tutu, wife of the Archbishop, holding magisterial court over one of the more efficient stations. Her waiting time was down to one hour, at least as long as supplies lasted. Helen and she embraced, laughed and promptly set about damning their organisation.

At Dube's White Church station a harassed returning officer, immaculate in his best suit, was overwhelmed to have the great lady on his turf. He regaled her with stories of neighbouring stations awaiting voting papers. He deserved a Hansard Society medal for electoral improvisation: getting voters to plunge hands into toilet paper soaked in invisible ink, in place of missing identity stamps.

Soweto is no unsophisticated rural township. Its resi-

Bombing arrests 14
Protest movement ends 16

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Dehaene tip for Delors post

John Major suggested yesterday that the choice of the successor to Jacques Delors as President of the European Commission would go to the European summit meeting in Corfu in June.

The apparent new favourite to replace M Delors is the controversial Belgian arch-federalist Jean-Luc Dehaene, who is said to have the backing of France and Germany ..... Page 13



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Germany to join in VE-Day 'to learn our lesson'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JOHN YOUNG

CHANCELLOR Kohl of Germany said yesterday that his country would join Britain in next year's celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, to "learn our lesson from history".

He told a London news conference it was the duty of both countries to future generations to ensure that there was never another war in Europe.

Acting to calm recent tensions over this year's D-Day events, the German Chancellor said he had never sought to attend the commemorations and would have declined any invitation to do so.

But, after a day-long meeting with John Major at Chequers and in London, he emphasised his desire to remove any remaining scars in relations. Speaking of wanting "to learn our lesson from history", Herr Kohl said he would accept an invitation from Britain to attend next year's VE-Day celebrations in London.

He said that both countries had a duty to remember the dead and pay their respects to the victims of the war.

The Anglo-German relationship was "an excellent one and has been for a long time", but he denied any difficulty over D-Day. "Quite frankly, I really do not understand what people are talking about. At no point did I seek to get invited to the commemorations for D-Day. Had I been invited, I would not have attended. This was very well known and it has not been an issue between us." Herr Kohl spoke as it was disclosed that Lt Gen Sir Michael Rose, UN Commander in Bosnia, wants to help to spearhead a massed parachute jump into Normandy on June 5.

He hopes to join other parachutists leaping out of a Second World War vintage Dakota aircraft over Ranville on the D-Day anniversary in front of the Prince of Wales and hundreds of veterans.

Col David Parker, Regimental Colonel of the Parachute Regiment, said that Sir Michael, as the army's senior serving paratrooper, had asked to be included in a list of some 18 senior officers who will precede the main group. "He asked me to keep a place for him, but it will depend on whether he can take leave from his duties in Bosnia," Col Parker said.

At the same time it emerged that the Government and veterans' organisations had moved closer to agreement on the format of the controversial Hyde Park commemoration.

After talks hosted by Peter Brooke, the National Heritage Secretary, the event seems certain to take place, but in a much scaled-down form, after requests from veterans' groups that "frivolities" be removed.

Details remain to be completed, and another meeting is planned for next week. Les Frost, chairman of the Normandy Veterans Association, said: "We wanted it to be in the spirit of commemoration. We

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Boxer, 23, near death after title bout defeat

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A BOXER tipped as a future champion was near death last night after suffering massive brain damage in a British title bout.

Bradley Stone, 23, collapsed after the contest in east London on Tuesday night. Emergency brain surgery was carried out at the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, of yesterday.

A dozen friends and relatives were at the hospital where Stone was on a life support machine in the intensive care unit.

The British super-bantamweight title fight in York Hall, Bethnal Green, was stopped in the tenth round after Stone received a heavy left hook, followed by four direct hits to the chin. Richie Wenton, 26, the other boxer, is said to be considering his future in boxing.

Stone had planned a long break after the fight, having been knocked out in his previous bout seven weeks ago at the same venue.

The incident has reopened the debate over safety which followed the brain injury suffered by Michael Watson in a world middleweight title fight in 1991.

Mr John Sutcliffe, who carried out a two-hour operation to remove a blood clot from Stone's brain, said: "The prognosis is not very good. There is a significant chance Bradley Stone is going to die."

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Libel case golfer is left facing bill for £250,000

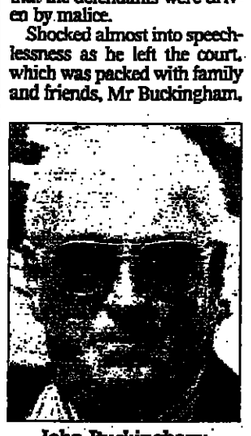
BY JOE JOSEPH

JOHN Buckingham, the self-made millionaire who sued two fellow golfers for libel after they accused him of cheating, faces legal bills of £250,000 after losing the case which has transfixed the golfing world for a fortnight.

A jury of seven women and one man, none of whom plays golf, decided at Nottingham County Court yesterday that Mr Buckingham, a former miner who made a fortune from insurance, had not been libelled by Reginald Dove and Graham Rusk.

They took the unusual step of adding a rider to their verdict, read out in court, explaining that their finding did not mean they all believed Mr Buckingham had been dishonest on the golf course. They did not feel, however, that the defendants were driven by malice.

Shocked almost into speechlessness as he left the court, which was packed with family and friends, Mr Buckingham, 57, stammered: "I am still surviving, and I will survive."



John Buckingham: "I am still surviving"

Clutching a few straws of solace, Mr Buckingham, who has left Sherwood Forest golf club where the alleged incidents took place and now plays at the College Pines club in Mansfield, said on the steps of the courthouse: "I am actually very disappointed by the result, although I am comforted by the jury's apparent accepting that I did not cheat. I have never cheated at golf, and I will vigorously challenge any person who accuses me of doing so.

"The jury have made it clear that the reason for their verdict is that they were not prepared to find Mr Dove and Mr Rusk had acted maliciously, and of course I must accept that view. I will consider the question of appeal with my advisers in due course.

"But for the moment I want to try to forget this whole incident and get back to a normal life, which will include a lot of golf."

The case has enlivened breakfast table chit-chat across the country, both because it is thought to be the first of its kind in English legal history and also because it has shone an unflattering spotlight on amateur golf. It comes only two months after a warts-and-all Channel 4 documentary about Northwood Golf Club, Middlesex, exposed the sport's antique and sexually patronising traditions.

Mr Dove and Mr Rusk

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Hunting for Perfection ~



Delighted by his agility. – A nifty foxtrot across a field. A daring leap over a blackthorn hedge. A splendid vault over the bone-idle Alsatian and the prized ale is mine!

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A modest proposal for the public branding of MPs

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Mr Andrew Faulds: "But, with respect, Madam Speaker, there *is* another way of proceeding . . ."

Madam Speaker: "I hope this is not a challenge to my authority."

Mr Faulds: "It's a way of backing you up."

Madam Speaker: "It had better be."

Mr Faulds: "As you know, Madam Speaker, I love you dearly. But there's been persistent misuse of this emblem over many years. There is one way in which this could be satisfactorily resolved: the Commons emblem should be branded on the left or right haunch of Members depending on their party."

Madam Speaker: "As usual, a frivolous response from the hon Member."

Your sketchwriter glanced across the gallery at a party of American tourists I had seen earlier, queueing to witness proceedings in the Mother of Parliaments. Their mouths were open. They looked utterly mystified. Should any of them read this sketch, let me explain . . .

David Alton, the Liberal Democrat MP for Liverpool Mossley Hill, has, it is alleged, been sending "smear letters" of a party political nature on paper with the House of Commons emblem, a crowned portcullis. Labour MPs complained to the Speaker on Tuesday about what they believed was a misuse of the emblem. Yesterday Madam Speaker reminded the House of the rule that the crowned portcullis must never be used for party purposes. But several MPs protested that if Members persistently ignored the rules, a verbal rap over the knuckles was not enough.

That is where Andrew Faulds's suggestion came in. Branding the buttocks, thought the eccentric ex-actor MP, might bring home the message more effectively. At tea afterwards, a coven of parliamentary sketchwriters discussed Mr Faulds's idea.

The correspondent from *The Guardian* suggested that the buttock-branding be administered amid all the trappings of time-honoured Commons tradition. The offending MP might be marched up to the clerks' table by the plaintiff MPs and made to bend over the mace. The Speaker's clerk would bring forward the heated branding iron, and, to cries of "Hear! Hear!" from the whole House, Miss Boothroyd herself would singe the Member's bottom.

But if, as Faulds proposes, Labour are to be singed on the left haunch and Tories on the right, how are Liberal Democrats to be branded? *The Daily Telegraph* sketchwriter proposed that, as Liberals claim to represent the best of both parties, they should be branded on both buttocks. Mr Alton, who has a pained expression at the best of times, could be given good reason for it at last.

The sketchwriters' tea party broke up with one question unresolved. Surely the main purpose of branding is to attach to an individual an indelible sign? Branding an MP ought to be a way of warning electors of *his* past transgressions. "Take supposedly official Commons letters from this guy with a pinch of salt." But if this warning is to be displayed on the buttocks, under the trousers, then few of us will ever know.

The Times sketchwriter has given this objection some thought. With respect, I disagree. If newspaper reports of the behaviour of so many of our elected representatives are any guide, then the modern British MP is better and more widely known by his buttocks than by his face. Andrew Faulds's proposal is less frivolous than Miss Boothroyd believes.

Ancient law sends killer to prison

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A MAN who had been jailed for beating another man with a brick was convicted of murder yesterday after being brought back to court when his victim died a year after the attack.

Harold Golding, 42, of Fulham, west London, was jailed for life by the Old Bailey for the murder of John Hughes, 37, who died 11 months after being hit over the head in a dispute about drugs.

Originally Golding was sentenced to eight years for grievous bodily harm. But when Mr Hughes, who appeared to have recovered, suffered an epileptic seizure and died the Crown Prosecution Service brought a new charge of murder.

The case highlights a controversial 16th century law known as the "year-and-a-day" rule, which prevents a defendant being charged with murder if the victim survives for that long. It would have prevented Golding's prosecution if Mr Hughes had lived for a month longer.

The rule has prompted outrage where it has enabled killers to escape prosecution for murder. Last month Labour MPs failed in an attempt to scrap the rule. There had been particular concern over the case of Michael Gibson from Darlington, who remained comatose for 16 months before dying. David Clark, his attacker, received a two-year prison sentence and is now free.

In yesterday's case Golding's accomplice, Alan Emmett, 40, of Hammersmith, west London, had his sentence increased to manslaughter and was given a 4½-year concurrent sentence.

Emmett, who kicked Mr Hughes as he lay in the road, had originally been convicted of grievous bodily harm with intent along with Golding, of Fulham, southwest London.

The pair attacked Mr Hughes, a bachelor of Regents Park, London, in June 1992 in a row over drugs. John Mathew, QC, prosecuting, said: "He was brutally attacked by these two defendants. Golding took a brick from a building site which he then broke over Mr Hughes' head, breaking the brick in two. Emmett then kicked Mr Hughes viciously several times in the head as he lay bleeding in the gutter."

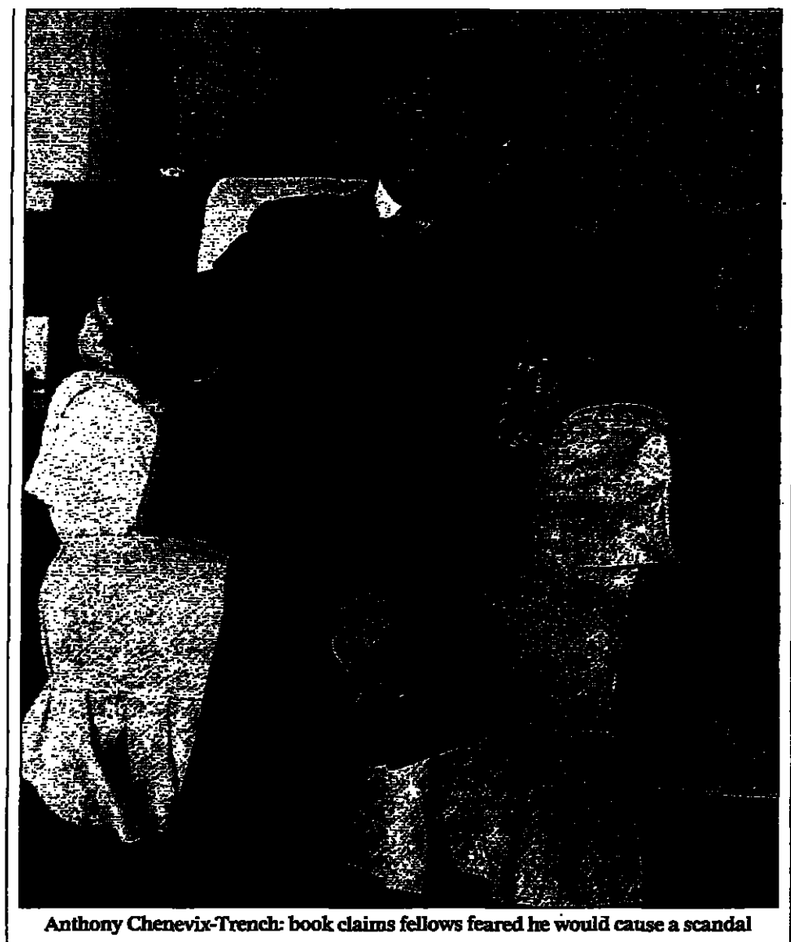
Mr Hughes did not die until the following May. He was left unconscious in the assault but slowly recovered and by December 1992 could walk with the aid of a frame.

In May last year he suffered an epileptic fit brought on by the attack and suddenly died. Golding denied having anything to do with the attack but later retracted his story and admitted throwing the brick.

Emmett admitted being there but maintained that Golding had carried out the attack. Both men denied murder.



Hughes: died 11 months after attack



Anthony Chenevix-Trench: book claims fellows feared he would cause a scandal

Old Etonians divided by claim that head relished flogging

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

OLD Etonians clashed last night over allegations that Anthony Chenevix-Trench, the former Head Master, was a compulsive, drunken flogger.

Former pupils divided, with many attempting to protect the reputation of the man who was head from 1963 to 1970 against allegations made in a forthcoming book. But others praised Tim Card, the college's vice-provost and author of *Eton Renewed*, for breaking the silence surrounding Chenevix-Trench's allegedly brutal tenure and setting the record straight.

The book claims that Chenevix-Trench, who died in 1979, was pushed out because Eton's fellows feared his excessive behaviour would be exposed and cause a scandal.

Nick Fraser, commissioning editor of documentaries at BBC Television, criticised those former pupils who had rushed to the defence of Chenevix-Trench, including Nicholas Soames, the food minister. He said: "They deserve a pat on the back for loyalty to the old school but they are deluding themselves."

Mr Fraser, who attended Eton from 1961-65, said that as a senior prefect he was sent to Chenevix-Trench's study one evening after being caught staying out late in London. "He gave me the choice of being expelled or being beaten. This was no choice at all because even though I was already sure of a university place I did not want to ruin my record.

"Chenevix-Trench then beat me with his hand about six times over my trousers. It was a bizarre ritual, completely painless for me but a humiliation for him. Then he broke down, very drunk, and burst into tears saying how much he loathed beatings and loathed beating boys."

Mr Fraser said it was an open secret that Chenevix-Trench enjoyed spending his time "boozing or beating people".

He said he suspected that the Head Master had that evening simply pretended he disliked administering beatings. "He was a phoney. I was the editor of the college newspaper, *the Eton College Chronicle*, and had written a series of hostile editorials attacking corporal punishment."

However, Rupert White, a pupil from 1961-66, said that Chenevix-Trench was not bloodthirsty. "I was beaten by Anthony Chenevix-Trench — quite deservedly, having been caught smoking — with great courtesy and not very hard," he said.

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Shop owner murdered by INLA gunmen

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

REPUBLICAN gunmen yesterday shot dead a man in north Belfast in the latest round of tit-for-tat murders in Northern Ireland.

Five people have been killed within 72 hours in the worst spate of paramilitary violence since the Greysteel massacre last October, when seven people were killed.

In the wake of the shooting, Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, gave his gloomiest assessment of the Ulster peace process. In a scathing attack on the republican movement in Dublin yesterday, he said: "The best ever opportunity for peace is being put in danger."

The latest victim was named as Gerry Evans, in his 40s, who was killed just before 3pm when two gunmen from the Irish National Liberation Army attacked the fishing tackle shop he had opened last week in the Northcott shopping centre in Glengormley, north Belfast. Mr Evans's son-in-law, who is in his 20s, suffered injuries to his back and legs. Last night he was in a stable condition.

An eyewitness said: "The gunmen went into the shopping centre and shot through the window. They then just walked out and drove off. There was panic when they opened fire."

☐ A Royal Marine has appeared before Belfast magistrates accused of five paramilitary offences, including collecting information for the Ulster Freedom Fighters. Derek Adgey, 23, was also charged with conspiring to murder Brian Gillan, a leading republican, conspiring to murder members of the IRA, and conspiring to murder employees of a taxi firm in west Belfast. He was remanded in military custody.

Prisoners escape after forced crash

Two dangerous prisoners were on the run last night after they forced a prison van to crash so that a gang following could free them. Patrick Conroy, 25, and David Glover, 34, both of Newcastle upon Tyne, escaped as they were being taken to court for a remand hearing on kidnap and assault charges. They were being driven in a private minibus from Holme House prison in Stockton-on-Tees to Newcastle. Each was handcuffed to a prison officer and a woman officer was also in the van.

In Gateshead one prisoner grabbed the gear stick, forcing the van to crash. Men from two cars that had been following the van threatened the prison officers, who unlocked the handcuffs. *The attackers* claimed to be carrying hidden guns and knives. The two cars drove off towards Newcastle and were later found abandoned. The Prison Service said all three officers were injured but not seriously.

Graduates opt out

Most of *this summer's* Oxford and Cambridge finalists do not intend to look for work because of the gloomy job market. A survey by *High Fliers* magazine of the career plans of more than 1,500 students found that only 44 per cent of those leaving Cambridge and 53 per cent at Oxford have applied to employers. The rest will either travel for a year or take postgraduate courses. It was found that most students leave their career decisions to the last minute. The most popular jobs were lucrative posts in the City, followed by work for management consultancies.

Tough cab curbs urged

Unlicensed minicabs should be rigorously regulated to prevent "cowboys" from operating, a Commons transport select committee report says. It recommends retaining the distinction between taxis that can be *hailed and pre-booked* minicabs. The report wants six-monthly tests for cars operated as minicabs and a medical test for drivers.

Court stripper jailed

Graeme Lewis, an anti-motorway campaigner facing a *Transport Department move to have him jailed for* alleged breach of an injunction banning protesters from the M3 extension at Twyford Down, was remanded in custody overnight for contempt of court after stripping in the High Court to shorts, suspender belt and a plastic bag on his head.

Bomb charge six cleared

Four Northern Ireland-born men and two Americans were acquitted in Arizona of plotting to ship bomb detonators to the IRA. An informant testified that he and another man bought detonators from a mining supply firm. Prosecutors failed to prove that detonators found in Northern Ireland and London had any connection with the accused.

Custody of orphan

The High Court granted custody of a baby orphaned in a Romanian helicopter crash to his grandmother and aunt. Bradlee Marrah, whose first birthday is on Saturday, will live with Kay Marrah, 38, at Southmead, Bristol, under joint guardianship with Michelle Smith. Bradlee survived the crash which killed Justin Marrah, 19, and Nicola Smith, 18.

Alcohol duty defended

Duty on alcohol will not be cut despite brewers' complaints about the rush to France to buy cheap beer and wine since the advent of the Single European Market. Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *Today*, Sir John Cope, Paymaster General, said the Treasury could lose up to £6 billion if alcohol duties were lowered. He said bootleg-importers faced tough action.

Carpet's magic price

A carpet bought for £70 at a junk shop in Croydon, Surrey, was auctioned for £51,000 at Sotheby's, London, yesterday. The carpet, which had been originally bought by Geoffrey Chessum, 54, who works for a diamond firm in the City, proved to be a 17th-century Indian Mogul floor covering. The new buyer was an anonymous telephone bidder.

Labour to co-operate with Tories

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR ended its period of non-co-operation with the Government yesterday and announced the resumption of normal working relations.

In December, John Smith declared a stop to all "pairing" between Labour and Tory MPs. Pairing allows members to be absent from votes provided their opposite numbers are also away.

The ban followed the Government's decision to push through two social security *Bills — on invalidity benefit* changes and a 1p rise in National Insurance contributions — in one day.

Yesterday Don Dixon, Labour's deputy chief whip, told the shadow cabinet that the Government whips had apologised for curtailing debate and had agreed to a number of concessions.

These included appointing an extra Labour select committee chairman and warning the shadow cabinet when statements will be given.

But Government sources claimed they had "given nothing away" and that they had not apologised.

Kohl eases tension

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are not gloomy old men — we like to enjoy ourselves, but there is a time and a place.

"We have had a very successful meeting and there will be another next week. We expressed our views and have reached a great deal of agreement. I am sure the Government will be very helpful in giving us what we hoped for."

Former forces sweetheart Dame Vera Lynn, 77, has been invited to sing in Hyde Park but has made clear she will not take part if the veterans are unhappy with the event. Dame Vera was not available for comment, but has said she will participate if that is the wish of the veterans.

The commemoration of the airborne landings will begin on the afternoon of June 5, the day before the main D-Day events, with a landing by three RAF Lynx helicopters at the Pegasus Bridge to simulate the arrival of the gliders which spearheaded the invasion.

Maj John Howard, 84, who led the successful assault on the bridge, intends to take part this year.

The helicopters will be followed by 17 or 18 Hercules aircraft carrying some 800 British paratroopers, 150 Canadian, about 100 French and possibly small contingents of Poles and Australians. After they land they will take part in a march past at which the Prince of Wales will take the salute.

There will be a similar march past by veterans of the original battle and Prince Charles will unveil a memorial bust of Maj Gen Richard Gale who commanded the sixth airborne division, in the town of Ranville.

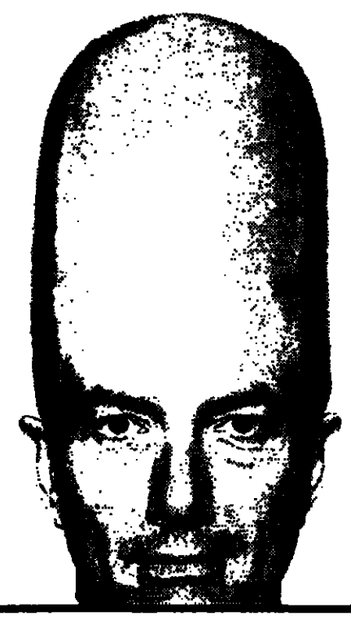
The following morning there will be a service at the British cemetery to coincide with the main memorial service attended by the Queen in Bayeux Cathedral.

Details of the events were given yesterday after the opening of a special D-Day exhibition at the Airborne Forces *Museum in Aldershot, Hamp*shire. The guest of honour was Richard Todd, the actor who parachuted into Normandy on D-Day as assistant adjutant of the seventh Parachute Battalion, which had the task of holding the bridge which Maj Howard's light infantry had secured. Mr Todd later played the part of Maj Howard in the film *The Longest Day*.

Colonel Parker said that no veterans would be taking part in the Pegasus drop, but about 100 had expressed an interest *in jumping over Arnhem later* in the year.

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"Fortunately, I can analyse all the figures in my head"



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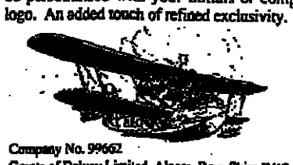
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'Members looked on me as a very undesirable person. The attitude was: keep away from him'

Driving ambition that took a miner onto the fairways

By Joe Joseph

JOHN Buckingham's determination to improve himself took him from a job at the coalface in an East Midlands pit to a fortune in the insurance business.

The same dedication drove the 57-year-old self-made millionaire to sue two fellow golfers at his club who had accused him of cheating.

Mr Buckingham left Stavely Netherthorpe Grammar School, near Chesterfield, at the age of 15. From the age of 18 until he was 33, he toiled as a coal miner. Finally he tired of the tough life and started a career in the insurance business. When, in 1988, he sold his successful insurance business to the Swinton group, he owned a house in a pretty Derbyshire village, a villa in Marbella, and an apartment in Filey, on the North Yorkshire coast. He had money in the bank, and he was a name at Lloyd's.

"I rose through the ranks at the Coal Board," Mr Buckingham recalled, "from shot firer right up to deputy to senior overman. I looked after a full shift of up to 150 men. I left in the 1970s and went into the insurance business. I was fed up with working underground and was looking for a new career. I took a job with Wesleyian & General Insurance in Mansfield, with the position of assistant manager. In 1971 I started up my own insurance brokerage. When I sold it in 1988, to the Swinton group, we had 60 staff in five offices in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. Then I retired. I have a good standard of living."

Mr Buckingham flirted with the glamour of a champagne-gold Rolls-Royce when his insurance business became a success: "I bought it in the early 1980s, for £10,000. I sold it for £12,000. The kids wouldn't get in it. They were too embarrassed." He stills drives a gold-coloured car, but now it's a Toyota Landcruiser.

He spends slices of the winter in Marbella, much of the rest in his modern £200,000, grey stone, three-bedroomed bungalow, pitched in a third of an acre of Derbyshire greenery in the village of Elmton.

"I am concerned about the cost of this case," Mr Buckingham said, but he sued because he thought any cost would be worth it to clear his name.

His riches may be nouveau, but Mr Buckingham is far from a brash "Loadsamoney" type. There is no swimming pool in his back garden.

Mr Buckingham's neighbour in Elmton, Ian Chapman, a property developer, said: "I've done business with John for 15 years and in my opinion he's one of the most honest friendly people I've met. He's a well-liked person in this village and I have the greatest respect for him as a golfer. The man is too good as a golfer to cheat. Too good."

Mr Buckingham's children, Anthony, 28, and Andrea, 23, went to the local comprehensive school in Clowne.

"I always had to work as a kid," Anthony, who now runs an insurance business with his sister, said. "I had to go down to his office — even when I was ten years old — and do a bit of tidying up or something to earn my sweets money.

"My father is a man I've got the utmost respect for, who's had to fight for everything he's got out of life. He's a fine golfer, too, who's worked very hard at his game.

"I think the whole situation is very sad. My dad always enjoyed playing his golf with Reg Dove."

Reginald Dove, 50, is married with a son and a daughter and is managing director of Clarke Dove Insurance in Nottingham. Graham Rusk, 33, a life assurance salesman with Abbey Life, is married with a baby daughter. Mr Buckingham told the court that when the two men made their allegations of foul play after playing aginst him at Sherwood Forest Golf Club in Mansfield, "the membership looked on me as a very undesirable person to play golf with. In general the attitude at Sherwood was 'Keep away from him, don't play with him'."

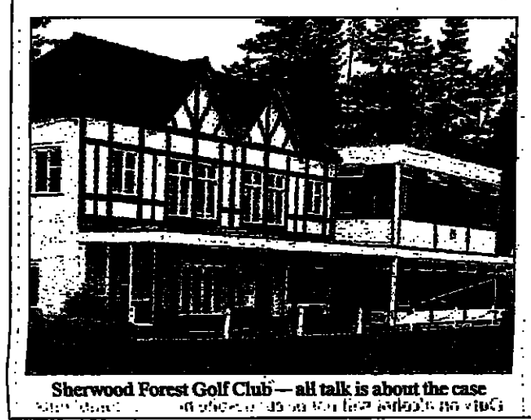
At the Tudorbethan clubhouse of the Sherwood Forest club, members have been talking about the case for a fortnight, with opinions split about who has been telling the truth. "Buckingham's got a bit of a reputation for cheating," one member said, "though whether he got it before this blew up or after, I don't know."

Kirit Patel, a doctor from Mansfield said: "Everyone at the club now jokes about whether fellow players have moved the ball. Something like this is bound to be common talk in the club bar. Some say he cheated, some say he didn't. But nobody actually saw it, so what is our comment worth? I don't think Buckingham had a reputation as a cheat. Maybe a loudmouth. I'm sure everyone's moved a ball now and then. It's human nature."

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John Buckingham, who had always enjoyed playing his golf with Reg Dove



Sherwood Forest Golf Club — all talk is about the case



Dove: "This is a result for integrity"



Rusk: "We stood by what we believed"

Golfer loses case

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smiled as they walked into the Nottingham sunshine. Mr Dove, managing director of his own insurance broking firm, said: "Obviously, we're both very, very delighted. It's the end of a very, very stressful period in both our lives. This is a result not for Graham Rusk and I. This is a result for golf, honesty and integrity — and for sport in general."

Mr Dove, 50, a shareholder in Nottingham Forest football club, said: "I only hope Forest can do the double tonight. That would make our day."

Mr Rusk, a 34-year-old financial services consultant, said: "We stood by what we believed. That was the truth, and that's what's been shown. I'm absolutely delighted."

It took the jury four and a half hours to decide in favour of the defendants.

In an unusual finale to one of the more curious and certainly most expensive chapters in golfing history, Judge Heald allowed the jury foreman to read a letter to the court stating: "We would like you to know that we are concerned that our decision might be perceived as *proof* that Mr Buckingham definitely cheated. This is not necessarily the view of the whole jury. However, as reflected in our verdict, we did not feel that Mr Rusk or Mr Dove acted maliciously."

Judge Heald, himself a keen golfer, thought them "a very sensible jury, actually".

Mr Buckingham of Elmton, Derbyshire, sued Mr Dove and Mr Rusk, both of whom made similar allegations of cheating against him in separate matches, for libel after they wrote letters of complaint to the committee of the Sherwood club, near Mansfield, to which all three belonged.

An internal enquiry by the £426-a-year club cleared Mr Buckingham, but he said the allegations of cheating spread throughout the Nottinghamshire golfing world and tainted his life. A ten-handicapper, Mr Buckingham said his life was woven around the game.

"I enjoy my golf very much," he told the court. "It is a very important part of my social life."

In the modern, limed-oak well of courtroom three in Nottingham County Court, the trial developed the air of a Monty Python sketch. Even the judge noted that it was rare for a defamation case to be heard in the County Court rather than in the High Court, and he seemed betray his opinion of the proceedings when he said in his summing up: "We have played every shot on this course several times over the past fortnight."

Legal experts have scratched their heads to find a precedent for Mr Buckingham's law suit. Perhaps the closest was the 1891 Royal Baccarat Scandal, in which Sir William Gordon-Cumming, a baronet, was accused of cheating at cards during a weekend house party.

Fellow guests included the Prince of Wales, later to become Edward VII, who went into the witness box at a subsequent High Court libel trial. Sir William lost the case and his good name, and became a social outcast.

Postmaster saw abduction

By Paul Wilkinson

ROBERT Black was arrested minutes after abducting a six-year-old girl, the jury trying him for the abduction and murder of three young children was told yesterday.

Mr Black was seen bundling the girl into his blue Transit van on the main street of a Scottish Borders village, the court was told. Less than 25 minutes later he drove back. Police stopped the van and found the girl tied up inside.

Mr Black, 47, a van driver of Stamford Hill, north London, denies nine charges, including murder, arising out of the abduction and deaths of Susan Maxwell, 11, Caroline Hogg, 5, and Sarah Harper, 10. He also denies kidnapping Teresa Thornhill, 15.

Newcastle Upon Tyne Crown Court has been told that Mr Black had taken the six-year-old to a layby two miles out of the village and sexually assaulted her. David Herkes, a retired postmaster, said he had been working in his garden on July 14, 1990, when he saw a blue van pull up across the road near some children. "The driver got out with a rag in his hand and opened the passenger door," he said.

"I saw a child walking past." His view of the pavement was obstructed by the vehicle. "I saw her legs and then they disappeared. The driver was making a pushing motion into the van. The child never appeared in the seat above the dashboard. At that point I became suspicious."

He noted the registration of the van as it drove off and the police were called. Soon after two officers arrived, then the van reappeared. Mr Herkes said: "I shouted, 'That's the van.' It was almost on top of us. One of the constables removed the driver and the other shouted, 'There's somebody in the back.' I went across and he was starting to untie a young girl who was sitting tied in a sleeping bag."

Raymond Rayson, the son of Mr Black's landlord, told the court that he had found pornographic magazines featuring young children in Mr Black's room. He also found children's clothing, including girls' bathing costumes.

Mr Rayson said he had found the books and clothing in a navy suitcase. "I was disgusted. I panicked and got out of the room." Two weeks later he returned to Mr Black's room, but the case had vanished. It reappeared a month before Mr Black's arrest. The hearing continues.

Woman in death fall as police visit flat

By Michael Horsnell

AN ENQUIRY was ordered yesterday after a woman fell to her death from a twelfth-floor balcony when two police officers and a court bailiff called at her flat. She may have mistaken them for immigration officials.

It is believed that Kwande Slizba, 27, was trying to climb down to the balcony below while others in the flat were questioned. Witnesses said that Ms Slizba had wrapped washing line around her waist before lowering herself, a procedure she had used before. The line broke and she fell more than 120ft.

A bailiff from Shoreditch County Court had asked the constables to accompany him to the flat in Islington, north London, where he was to serve a summons on a man for failing to comply with an assessment of earnings order.

A woman answered their knock at 7.15am and three people from Zimbabwe were found in bed. The bailiff was told that the man he sought was in the United States. The woman was asked if she had proof of the Zimbabweans' identities and left the living room, to return moments later screaming that her sister had fallen from the balcony.

Scotland Yard said that the police officers were told that the dead woman, who had a broken arm in a plaster cast, had previously "tried to leave the house via the balcony". The Yard said: "Neither police nor the bailiff were previously aware of the deceased woman."

The Metropolitan Police immediately asked the Police Complaints Authority to investigate the death.

One possibility that will be investigated is whether the woman panicked when the officers arrived because she was overstaying her visa or was an illegal immigrant.

Tension has heightened in north London after the death of Joy Gardner last summer while she was detained at her Hornsey home under a deportation order. Three officers are to be prosecuted for her manslaughter.

West fights wife's house sale plan

By Rachel Kelly
Property Correspondent

FREDERICK West, who faces ten murder charges, challenged his wife yesterday over the possible sale of 25 Cromwell Street, the house in Gloucester where the remains of nine young women have been found.

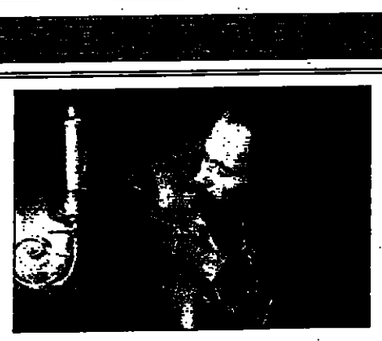
Solicitors acting for Rosemary West, jointly charged with one murder, announced earlier this week that the house was up for sale. But yesterday solicitors for her husband claimed they had no authority to make the offer.

Howard Ogden, for Mr West, said: "I would wish to point out that 25 Cromwell Street is in the sole legal ownership of Mr Frederick West and that, accordingly, as his solicitor I am the only person having authority to deal with any enquiries so far as the future of that property is concerned.

"I wish to make it clear that I have not instructed any estate agent to offer this property for sale."

Mr Ogden declined to clarify whether or not the house was still on the market.





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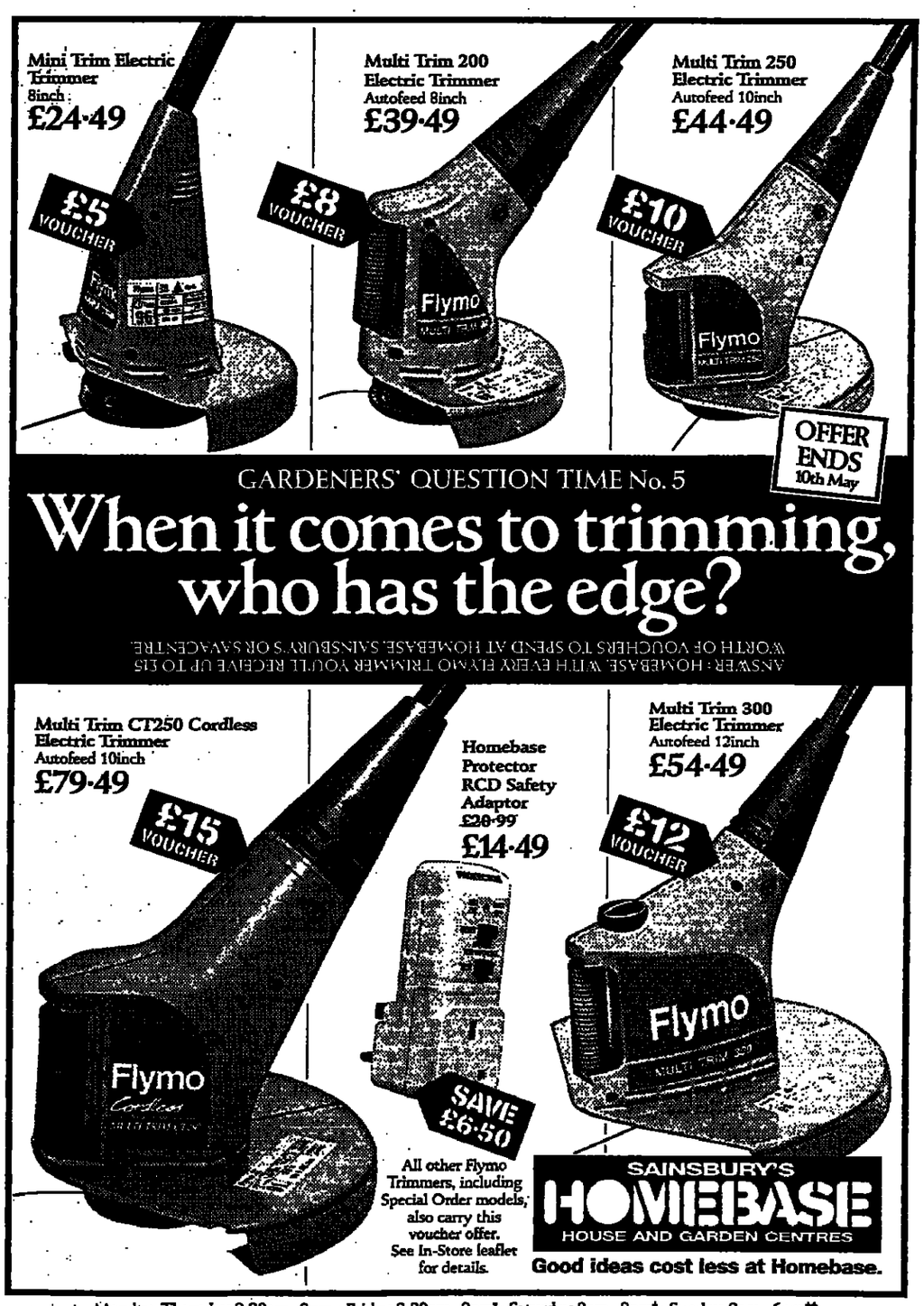
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"Man is nothing but a pack of neurons." Nigel Hawkes meets Francis Crick

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Stone, bruised but alert, left the ring at 10pm. 'I'll take a year off,' he said. By 2am he was in a coma

From hard man to victim in 10 rounds

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

BRADLEY Stone, the British boxer who was in a coma last night suffering from brain damage, looked in good shape when he left York Hall in east London after his super-bantamweight title fight with Richie Wenton, of Liverpool.

It was about 10 o'clock on Tuesday night. He had been stopped in the tenth round, but he seemed all right physically. He showered and dressed, congratulated Wenton before going downstairs to talk to his friends and admirers in the packed hall and gave a long interview to a local journalist. He was seen by the ringside doctor three times before leaving.

There was no sign of anything untoward. He shook hands with me with a firm grip. His face was still burning from the fight and had the usual lumps and bumps that a scrapper like Stone might take home with him.

He seemed depressed, however, about the deaths of his stepfather, who died a year ago from asbestosis, and brother, Kenny, who was like a father to him. Kenny died from an overdose of drugs 16 weeks ago, eight weeks before Stone's crushing fifth-round defeat by Boualem Belkif, an Algerian journeyman.

Stone did not box well against Wenton. From the first bell, he plodded after his jabbing opponent like a man in a daze, almost as if not looking at Wenton but beyond him. Whenever he cornered Wenton he could not put together the short punches that has seen off eight of his 19 opponents early. Ringsiders thought Stone was still "gunshy" after taking many blows in in his defeat by Belkif before going down twice.

Stone told me he was very depressed because of his brother's death. "I haven't mourned him properly but I wanted to be the first British super bantamweight champion," he said. I told him that even tough guys like him had to grieve properly before coming back. He agreed. "I think I'll take a year off," he said. "I'm 24. I'll be 25. I'll still be young enough to come back."

Stone had not taken too many hard blows. The big punches came in the tenth round. A right spun Stone's head sideways and as his defence went to pieces Wenton leapt in with a combination of four or five punches. Just as it seemed Stone might be bludgeoned to the floor the referee, John Keane, stepped in. Stone recovered quickly and left the ring unaided. By 2.30am he was in hospital.

In the ring, he looks big enough to look after himself because he "comes to fight" and is a crowd pleaser. As he walked away from me he looked vulnerable, too small to be a fighter, even a super bantamweight.

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MARC MORRIS



Bradley Stone, left, takes a left from Richie Wenton in his title bout in east London on Tuesday night

Grim toll of injury and death

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE toll of death and injury in boxing make it unworthy of being called a serious sport, its critics say.

In 1980 Johnny Owen, a Welsh boxer, died after being knocked out in Los Angeles. Two years later Young Ali, a Nigerian, died after a bout with Barry McGuigan. Owen and Ali were found to have abnormally thin skulls, a condition for which licensed boxers are now examined.

In 1986 Steve Watt, the Scottish welterweight champion, died from chronic brain damage caused by injuries in a long career. Michael Watson, who suffered a serious brain injury in a world middleweight championship fight with Chris Eubank in 1991, is still in a wheelchair.

The closest comparison to Tuesday's incident was the injury sustained by British boxer Ron Douglas when he was beaten by Herol Graham in a British middleweight contest in 1989. He went home, felt unwell, but was operated on within an hour. He has made a full recovery.

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Observation period would save lives

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE brain has the consistency of set custard and is secured within a pool of fluid in the skull by veins no more substantial than those on the back of the hand. You do not need to be a brain surgeon, says Peter Hamlyn, to work out that this organ does not take well to boxing.

Mr Hamlyn, a neurosurgeon at St Bartholomew's Hospital, central London, has operated on a number of boxers, including Michael Watson, who is confined to a wheelchair after suffering serious brain damage in a fight in 1991. Mr Hamlyn says the safety of the sport could be improved if arrangements were made to keep boxers under observation after fights.

His three-point plan calls for there to be a doctor at the ringside who is qualified in resuscitation and is familiar with head injuries, an ambulance on standby with instructions to go direct to the nearest neurosurgical unit, and a period after the fight during which the boxers are kept under observation.

Boxers often leave the arena within minutes of the fight ending, before the effects of any head injury become evident. "The lack of an observation period is the main shortcoming of the present arrangements," Mr Hamlyn said. Nine out of ten cases of head injury could be picked up if a two-hour observation period were mandatory for boxers who had been knocked out or where the fight was stopped because they were unable to defend themselves.

Mr Hamlyn, who chaired an expert medical committee which reported to the British Boxing Board of Control following the injury to Watson, said the most frequent cause of damage is a torn vein in the skull, where the effects may not be felt for hours. The torn vein causes a blood clot which increases the pressure inside the skull, squeezing the brain.

"They are the ones who talk and die," he said. "Typically they have a lucid interval after the fight in which they appear to be all right. But as the blood clot builds up and the pressure increases in the brain symptoms appear and they eventually collapse." Rapid surgery is then essential for survival.

Daughters sample the world of work

BY ROBI DUTTA

THOUSANDS of schoolgirls are to visit workplaces across the country today as part of a campaign to boost their confidence and career prospects.

The girls, aged between 11 and 15, will experience the world of work with parents and friends as part of an initiative to encourage them to consider a wide variety of careers. A Commons select committee, the BBC Radio 2 Controller's office and the board of a financial services company are among those playing host.

The idea for the "Take our Daughters to Work" initiative, launched in this country by the Office for Public Management, stemmed from research at Harvard which showed that many girls between the ages of 11 and 15 lack self-esteem. Employers sponsoring the event include the Local Government Management Board and the Equal Opportunities Commission as well as the BBC. A parallel initiative takes place in America today.

Paula Yates, the presenter of Channel 4's *Big Breakfast*, will take her 12-year-old daughter Fifi Trixibelle on to the set. Billy Bragg, the rock musician, will also take his daughter to work. More than 800 girls will visit BBC studios and newsrooms across the country. Three girls will produce an item for Radio 4's *Woman's Hour*.

Other events include an orange juice futures trading game at BP, and a board meeting with the managing director of Black Horse Financial Services and a visit to an oil refinery.

Sainsbury, Glaxo, the Bank of England and Marks & Spencer are among other firms taking part.

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Para died attacking dummy

A paratrooper shot himself dead as he hit a dummy with the butt of his rifle, an inquest in Newcastle upon Tyne was told yesterday.

Private Alan Douglas, 20, did not realise he had shot himself last July 15 during a training exercise at Otterburn camp, Northumberland, and the last thing he said was: "I've broken my arm, sarge."

Sergeant Gerry Long, a Parachute Regiment safety officer, said he had never seen anyone try to "butt-stroke" a target using a short SA80 assault rifle. Verdict: accidental death.

Heart to heart

Ken Dewing, 48, a heart transplant patient, completed a three-day, 100-mile walk alongside Ron Lippitt, 54, whose heart keeps him alive. Mr Lippitt underwent a heart-and-lung transplant in 1992 and his heart was transplanted into Mr Dewing.

Crime down

Recorded crime in Scotland fell last year, according to government figures. Scottish police recorded 543,000 crimes, a fall of 8 per cent compared with 1992. The clear-up rate increased by 2 per cent to 34 per cent.

Dog collared

An identity chip in the neck of Toby, an eight-year-old collie, helped to reunite him with his owners in Birmingham six months after he went missing. He was found near Taunton, Somerset.

Kid returned

Carla, a four-week-old pygmy goat taken on Sunday by a girl who passed her over a fence to an adult at Basildon Zoo, Essex, has been found and reunited with her mother.

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JULIAN HERBERT



Paul Wood, a veteran of the US Army's 1st Engineer Special Brigade, returns to the beach at Torcross yesterday

Veterans honour Slapton victims

BY ALAN HAMILTON

IN a south Devon parish church this morning, British and American veterans will join local people to commemorate one of the lesser-known tragedies of the campaign to liberate Europe 50 years ago.

Official histories make little mention of the disaster during the night of April 28, 1944, when hundreds of US servicemen died in Lyme Bay in a practice run for the Normandy landings.

Operation Tiger, held on the beach at Slapton Sands, was conducted with live ammunition which itself caused the deaths of several hundred of the 30,000 troops.

Towards the end of the practice, seven fast German E-Boats sank two landing craft and damaged two others. More than 600 men are believed to have died.

Richard Meredith, from Danvers, Massachusetts, was aged 17 when his landing craft was torpedoed amidships. "Everything was afire. My feet were dancing on the red-hot deck. I was in the freezing water for six hours before I was rescued," he said yesterday, gazing through the mist over the beach.

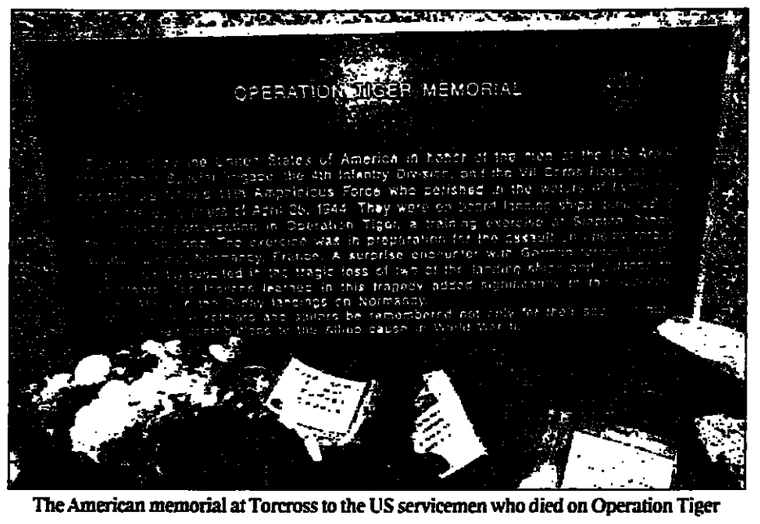
Mr Meredith, now 67, went on to participate in the assault on Utah Beach six weeks later. "The casualties on the exercise were five times greater than at the real thing," he recalled.

Paul Wood, 74, a US Army veteran from Doylestown, Pennsylvania, recalled the ensuing cover-up. "They were terrified because five senior officers killed had plans for D-Day on them, and their bodies might have been recovered by the Germans. The wounded, and the doctors and nurses in the field hospitals, were sworn never to breathe a word, on pain of court martial and probable shooting." Mr Woods said.

Mr Wood, who married a British woman and now has a home in Devon, believes the death toll of the attack to be 638, although more than 1,000 may have been killed throughout the exercise. Ken Small, a Torcross hotelier, has campaigned for 20 years for recognition for the dead, and to throw some light on the tragedy.

He raised a Sherman tank from one of the sunken landing craft and had it erected as a memorial, and has persuaded the US government to place a plaque beside it. "Some justice has been done at last, but it has been a terrible struggle," he said.

Old parachutists, page 16



The American memorial at Torcross to the US servicemen who died on Operation Tiger

Why Asquith was better off than Major

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRICES have increased fifty fold since the outbreak of the First World War, making the value of the 1914 pound just 2p, according to figures published today.

Those were the days when the rich could enjoy a night at the opera in the front row of the stalls for a guinea and dinner at the Savoy for £1 5s, a pint of beer was 2½d (equivalent of 1p today) and 20 cigarettes cost 4d (almost 2p).

To purchase what £1 could buy in 1914, people would have to spend about £50 today, according to a study celebrating 80 years of official government monitoring of prices.

When the Cost of Living Index, now known as the Retail Price Index, was first introduced, the Prime Minister's salary was £5,000 a year and the index was compiled by a handful of clerks using pens, inkwells and tables. Today John Major earns £78,292 but would have to receive £250,000 to match Herbert Asquith's salary in 1914.

MPs, who were paid £400 a year in 1914, have done better. They would be getting £20,000 instead of their actual £31,687. An engineering worker matching his counterpart in 1914 would earn only £58 a week instead of £276, and a construction worker £103 a week rather than £274.

If the 50-fold increase in prices had been reflected in other goods, a basic motor car with a hood, horn and starting handle, costing £730 in 1914, would now be £36,500 instead of £6,995 for a basic 1.4 saloon. A front-row stall seat would be £53 instead of £102 charged for *Rigoletto*, and dinner at the Savoy £18.99 rather than £31. Other costs highlight the dramatic changes in family lifestyle with the rise of the consumer society.

In 1914 families spent 60 per cent of their budgets on food compared with 14.2 per cent today, 16 per cent on rent, housing and water charges compared with 12 per cent, 8 per cent on fuel and light compared with 4.5 per cent, and 12 per cent on clothing and footwear compared with 6 per cent.

Although a person needs to have £50 to buy what could be purchased for £1 in 1914, people are much better off. A bricklayer in 1914 had to work half a day to earn 2s 6d, but today would earn the equivalent £6 in under an hour.

Andrew Machin, the official in charge of the index, said that the figures show that prices went up about 2.5 times in the 1914-1920 period, with a fall of 28 per cent over a 12-month period in 1922 and little change during the 1930s.

But the main period of rising prices has been since the Second World War, with prices going up more than 20 times as inflation took off. They rose by almost 27 per cent in 1975 and have risen an average of 5 per cent yearly over the past ten years.

The best value products during the past 80 years have been eggs, which cost just 20 times more than in 1914 and tea at 30 times more. Relatively poor value were milk, which had gone up 50 fold, beef, 70 fold and bread up 80 fold.

And the economic lesson of the past 80 years? "Money is bad value," Mr Machin said.

	1914	1994
Prime Minister's salary	£5,000 pa	£78,292
MP's salary	£400 pa	£31,687
Weekly earnings:		
Engineering	22s 10d	£276
Construction	40s 7d	£274
Dinner at The Savoy	7s 6d	£31
Price of car	£730 (20hp)	£6,995 (1.4l)
Pint of beer	2½d	£1.38
20 cigarettes	4d	£2.39p
Leg of mutton (home killed, lb)	10½d	£2.97p
Leg of mutton (frozen, lb)	6¾d	£2.42p
Milk (quart)	3½d	70p
Cheese (per lb)	8¾d	£1.92
Bread (4lb loaf)	5¾d	51p (white 800g unwrapped)
Butter (salt, lb)	1s 2½d	68p (home produced 250g)

Source: Central Statistical Office.

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Woman handcuffed while she gave birth

BY KATE ALDERSON

■ Guidelines changed after "barbaric" incident puts the treatment of pregnant prisoners into spotlight

A WOMAN prisoner who gave birth while wearing handcuffs has received an apology from the Prison Service for the "regrettable" incident.

Sue Edwards, 34, who is imprisoned at Styal women's prison, Cheshire, for a non-violent offence, was handcuffed during labour, while giving birth and when she attempted to feed her baby. Prison officers who accompanied her to Wythenshawe Hospital refused to release her hands and she was unable to grip the bed during labour on December 24 last year.

Tony Butler, Prison Service director of personnel, apologised for the unsympathetic treatment Edwards had received. He said she had absconded from custody three times. "Staff were therefore instructed to keep her handcuffed at all times when she was escorted out of the prison. These instructions were followed literally by the escorting officers."

Edwards went into labour at Styal prison during a visit by her 14-year-old son and was taken by ambulance to Wythenshawe Hospital. "The officers kept me handcuffed throughout the journey in the presence of my son, which caused me great distress," she said. "When I went to the delivery room I was still cuffed and couldn't even grip the bed rails."

A Prison Service spokeswoman said the instructions to keep Edwards handcuffed were given by Styal prison's duty governor. "Guidelines have now been issued to staff to prevent this happening again. No action has been taken against the two officers."

Robert Litherland, Labour MP for Manchester Central, said: "I want this unjust treatment put right. The stigma of this event will remain with her all her life. I will not be satisfied until Sue Edwards is satisfied and she is demanding an apology from a minister. What she went through was barbaric."

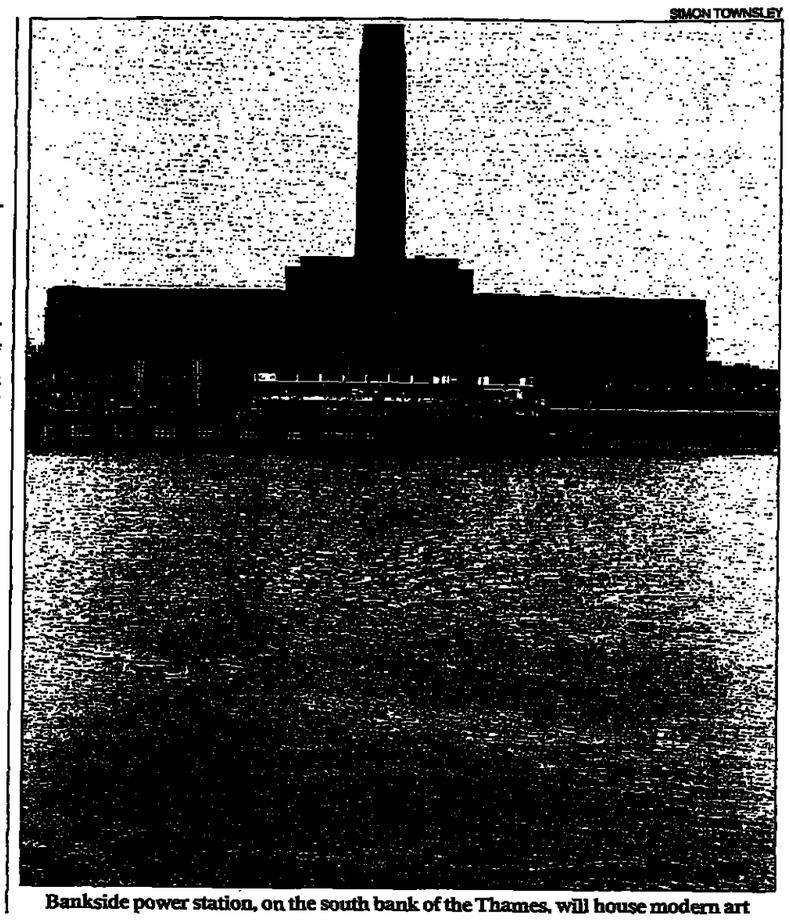
Frances Crook, director of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said: "Medical staff allowed this to happen and when you agree to something you are colluding in it."

Chris Tchaikovsky, from the charity Women in Prison, said: "The doctors, nurses and midwives must have all stood by and let these two prison officers take charge."

The hospital said it took 12 minutes between the prisoner arriving at the maternity department and the birth. "She arrived in an advanced state of labour with the unborn baby showing signs of distress.

"Sue Edwards had absconded three times while in custody, once jumping from a first-floor balcony while in Wythenshawe Hospital's maternity department. Given her history, the welfare of the child was of paramount importance." She said staff had not had time to negotiate alternative security arrangements.

SIMON TOWNSLEY



Bankside power station, on the south bank of the Thames, will house modern art

Tate generates a powerhouse of art

BY MARCUS BINNEY

THE Tate Gallery is expected to announce today that it has chosen Bankside power station, on the Thames opposite St Paul's Cathedral, to be its new museum of modern art.

With its single soaring chimney, Bankside is considered by many to be the cathedral of the electricity industry. It appeared doomed when ministers granted a certificate of immunity from listing, allowing the new owner, Nuclear Electric, to demolish it if it wished. Others argued that the power station could be London's counterpart to the Musée d'Orsay, the Parisian railway terminus that was converted into an art gallery.

The choice of Bankside would bring three advantages: life would be breathed into a great industrial monument; a vast space would be provided for the Tate's modern collections and for exhibitions by contemporary artists; and the Tate Gallery would be freed to display hundreds of fine British and European paintings which are shown only occasionally in rotation for lack of space.

The Tate's trustees will be seeking national lottery funds for the project, though the gallery is confident of raising half the money itself. The total cost has been estimated at £50 million, considerably less than the £150 million being sought by the Royal Opera House and Albertopolis, the consortium of South Kensington museums, which are the other principal London contenders for lottery funds.

The Tate has considered two other sites. The owners of one, at Vauxhall, south London, had other plans. The second was the South Bank Arts Centre, but the planning issues are complex and contentious, and the South Bank board has recently announced its own architectural competition.

Although Bankside power station initially seemed to be an outside choice, surveyors have reported that it is in sound condition. Demolition was not the easy option that it seemed initially: although its generating equipment has been stripped out, the power station still contains a large switching station on its south flank.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kremlin game plan

The recent speed chess tournament in Moscow was played out against a magnificent backdrop in the Kremlin. The set — a huge, sloping chessboard — was created by the Bolshoi Ballet's chief designer.

The following game ensured Vishy Anand's overall victory in the tournament. A mistake in the late opening by Kramnik allowed Anand's central pawns to swarm over his position.

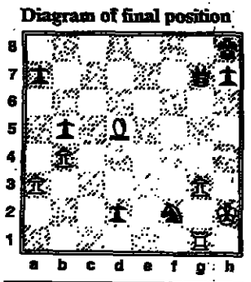
White: Vladimir Kramnik
Black: Vishy Anand
PCA Speed Chess, Moscow 1994

King's Indian Attack

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2	g3	g6
3	Bg2	Bg7
4	0-0	Nc6
5	d3	Nf6
6	e4	0-0
7	Re1	d6
8	Nc3	Bg4
9	h3	Bxf3
10	Bxf3	Rb8
11	Bg2	b5
12	a3	Nd7
13	e5	Nd4
14	exd6	exd6
15	Nd5	Nb6
16	Ne7+	Kh8
17	Bg5	Qd7
18	Be3	Ne6
19	Nc6	Rbc8
20	d4	Rxc6
21	d5	Rcc8
22	dxe6	fxe6
23	Bf4	e5
24	Be3	d5
25	b4	d4
26	Bg5	c4
27	Qd2	Qf5
28	h4	Na4
29	Be4	Qf7
30	h5	gxh5
31	Bg2	Nc3
32	Rf1	e4
33	Rae1	Qgf6
34	Be7	Rf7
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39	Bd4	Bxd4
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41	Qe3	Nd5
42	Qc5	Nf6
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44	Qd6	Rc7
45	Rc1	Rxc1
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47	fxg3	e3
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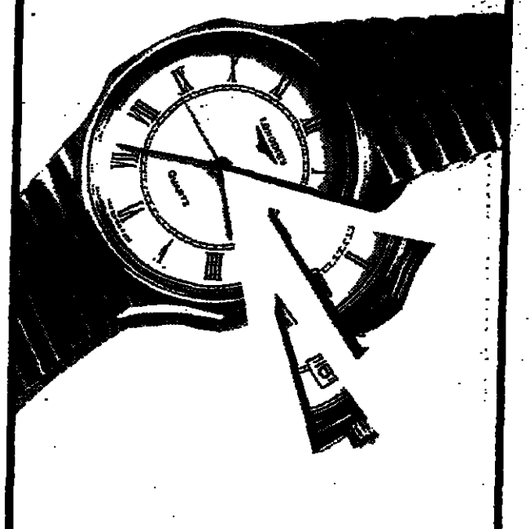
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Diagram of final position



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Court orders son of PLO finance chief to pay banks £1.5m

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND MIKE THEODOULOU

THE son of a senior financial adviser to Yassir Arafat has been given three weeks to pay £1.5 million following the collapse of two British property deals.

Tawfik al-Ghussein, 32, the son of Jaweed al-Ghussein, the chairman of the Palestine National Fund, was given until May 18 to pay the cash to two banks after a hearing at the High Court in London. The United Bank of Kuwait was seeking to have him made bankrupt.

Mr al-Ghussein, whose sister Mona Banwens featured in a celebrated libel action involving the former Heritage Secretary, David Mellor, also owes cash to the Dunbar Bank. Neither he nor his legal representative was in court when he was given an extension of time to pay the cash or come up with an acceptable voluntary agreement. Lawyers for the two banks appeared before the registrar.

Mr al-Ghussein's problems stem from a personal guarantee he gave to the banks for loans totalling £1.5 million. The Kuwaiti bank petitioned for his bankruptcy last year, alleging that he owed them £688,000 over a property deal in south London. The loan from the Dunbar Bank involves a West Country hotel.

Mr al-Ghussein, who was educated at Millfield school in Somerset, is currently on business in Abu Dhabi. From his hotel he said that he was aware of the actions begun by the bank but had not known about the hearing, which was on Tuesday.

He said: "It's just a drop in the ocean. It's nothing to do with myself personally. I gave a guarantee for a company and the banks have simply called in that guarantee without recourse to the company involved.

"I hope to come to some kind of an arrangement with the banks."

He has already offered to pay 50 pence in the pound on his debts through Berley and Co, a firm of chartered accountants, but this has been rejected by the banks. A spokesman for Berley and Co confirmed that they had acted for Mr al-Ghussein but refused to comment further.

Mr al-Ghussein's father, Jaweed, is one of the very few people entrusted by Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, with the finances of the organisation. He is one of the three signatories needed to withdraw money from PLO bank accounts and is responsible for investments valued at $2 billion-$6 billion (£1.3 billion-£4 billion).

Jaweed al-Ghussein, 64, is a millionaire who established a booming business in the Gulf and then put his expertise to work for the Palestinian cause. He was elected chairman of the fund in 1984, making him the equivalent of the organisation's finance minister. He first met Yassir Arafat in 1952 when they were fellow students in Cairo.

"We were very good friends," Mr al-Ghussein told *The Times* in an interview last year. He studied economics while Mr Arafat, a year older, studied engineering.

MICHAEL POWELL



The Sir Henry Wood bust arriving at the Albert Hall yesterday for the Proms

Queen lends an ear to Proms centenary

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will this year attend the Proms for the first time, as a roll-call of British musical talent celebrates the hundreth season of the annual concerts.

They will visit the Albert Hall for an all-British concert given by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis, its chief conductor, on July 18. Ida Haendel, who made her Proms debut in 1937 under the baton of their founder, Sir Henry Wood, will make her sixty-second appearance as the soloist for Britten's Violin Concerto.

John Drummond, director of the Proms, launched the hundreth programme yesterday, describing it as "a history of the Proms through the Proms themselves".

The retrospective features eight concerts dedicated to the great figures who shaped the spirit of the festival. The fiftieth anniversary of Sir Henry's death on August 19 will be marked with musical tributes by Vaughan Williams and Elgar. The evening will end with Beethoven's Symphony No 7, which he conducted two weeks before his death.

Almost 70 works which have had their UK, world or London premiere at the Proms will be played, including compositions by Debussy, Delius, Haydn, Mahler, Schoenberg and Tchaikovsky.

Only six works will be premiered this year. Mr Drummond said: "There are fewer premieres than normal, but that's because we will be looking to the future next year and will be commissioning about 20 new works for the 1995 season."

1994 Proms personalities include Heather Harper, who has been persuaded out of retirement to make her sixty-first appearance, singing Berg's *Altenberg Songs*, and Simon Rattle, who first performed in 1976 at the age of 21 and has conducted at the Proms every year since, bar one.

They will be joined by the conductors Sir Colin Davis, Bernard Haitink, Claudio Abbado and Pierre Boulez, the composers John Tavener, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and Sir Michael Tippett; and, among the artists, the percussionist Evelyn Glennie and the soprano Maria Ewing.

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Radio Scotland rules the airwaves

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BBC Radio Scotland has been named the national station of the year in the Sony Radio Awards. It is the first time that the top prize has gone to a station that doesn't broadcast to the whole of Great Britain.

The station also took the awards for the best speech-based breakfast show, presented by Eddie Mair, and the prize for best actress for Wendy Seager's performance in *The Life Class*.

Kenny Everett of Capital Gold was presented with a gold award for his outstanding contribution to radio.

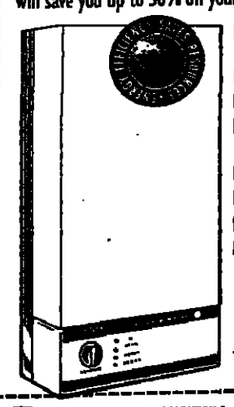
Other winners were: gold award for the news reporter of the year, Fergal Keane, BBC Radio's Southern Africa correspondent; national radio broadcaster of the year, Henry Kelly, Classic FM; outstanding sports broadcast, BBC Radio 5; best phone-in, Downtown Radio; sports reporter of the year, John Inverdale and John Rawling of BBC Radio 5; best response to a news event, BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme for its coverage of the Moscow White House siege; best breakfast show (contemporary music), Les Ross in the Morning from BRMB, (non-contemporary music) Terry Wogan's *Wake up to Wogan*, BBC Radio 2; best news and current affairs sequence, *The Way It Is* on Capital FM; best news and current affairs programme, *East Going West*, BBC Radio 4; local broadcaster of the year, Stephen Le Fevre and Liz Green, BBC Radio Leeds; best documentary/feature, Jack's Last Tape, made by BBC North for BBC Radio 4; best magazine/special interest programme, *The Big Holy One*, Simon Mayo, Radio 1; best specialist music programme, Euromix on BBC Radio 5; best arts programme, Hot In the City, Forth FM; best popular music programme, By Hart, BBC Radio 2.

Best use of comedy, A Look Back at the Nineties, BBC Radio 4; best music programming, Ironic Maidens made by Ladbroke Radio for BBC Radio 2; best outstanding special event, a concert by the rock group U2 on Radio 1; outstanding service to the community, Shout it Out!, BBC Radio Devon; best newcomer, Simon Mumery, Radio 1; Society of Authors best original script award, Homeward Bound on BBC World Service; Society of Authors best dramatisation award, The Night of the Hunter, BBC Radio 4; best drama production, Blue, by Basilisk Production and Channel 4 for BBC Radio 3; best actor, Richard Griffiths in *The Lovesong of Alfred J. Hitchcock*, made by BBC Pebble Mill for BBC Radio 3; local station of the year, Spire FM; metropolitan station of the year, Clyde 2; Radio Academy award, the RDS Development team for the use of advance radio technology. Special awards were made to John Tideman, head of BBC radio drama from 1986 to last March; Johnny Beerling, retired controller of BBC Radio 1; and to BBC Radio Ulster and Downtown Radio.

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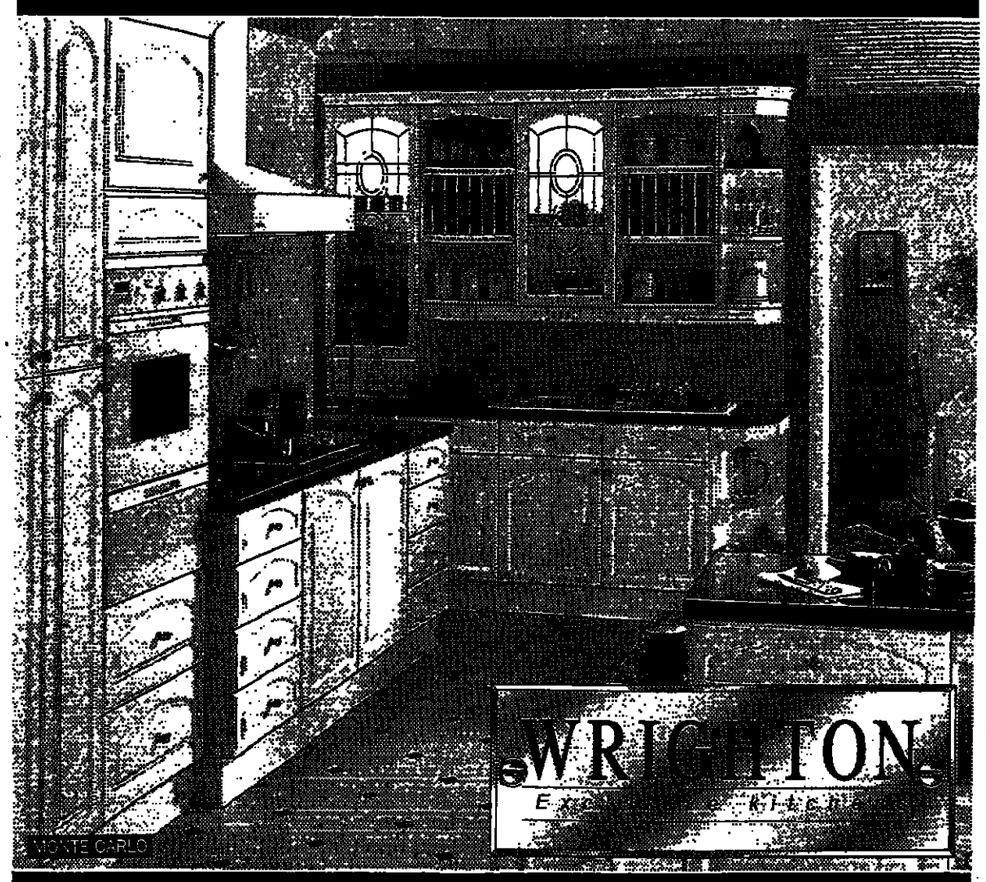
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Sleeping Beauty's nightmare evening

DAMAGE to a violin worth several thousand pounds, caused by a fruit pastille landing in the orchestra pit, nearly halted a Scottish Ballet production of *Sleeping Beauty*.

The performance at Hull New Theatre was suspended while the audience of 1,200 was warned by Katie MacCorkindale, deputy stage manager, that if another sweet landed in the pit, the orchestra would have no alternative but to stop playing.

Then, as the music resumed, the wind section was choked by dry ice wafting across the stage floor and down into the orchestra pit.

Mike Lister, deputy director of the theatre, said: "Musicians are very precious about their instruments and most would rather let you sleep with their wives than touch the tools of their trade."

It is not clear whether the pastille — which chipped the violin's varnish — was thrown deliberately or propelled into the pit by someone who pulled too hard while struggling with a tube of sweets. The instrument will have to be completely stripped and revarnished.

But Mr Lister said dry ice was used in all the shows, and was a hazard the musicians should be used to.

CSA reforms have 'failed the children'

By Michael Horsnell

CHILDREN have been the main losers in the Government's "short-sighted" attempt to reform the child maintenance system, a report by the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux said yesterday.

It claimed the reform, which established the controversial Child Support Agency under the slogan "Children Come First", had failed all concerned because short-term gains to the taxpayer have taken precedence over children's welfare.

The report, *Child support: one year on*, says the scheme has increased rather than diminished the scope for family conflict with worrying emotional and material consequences for children. Many absent fathers face genuine difficulty in meeting the agency's high maintenance demands which discount previous property settlements.

Typical cases included:

☐ A separated mother caring for two children who worked and claimed family credit while her ex-husband paid the mortgage on the former matrimonial home. After receiving a maintenance application form, she was worried he would not be able to afford the mortgage and child support. But if she did not co-operate she would lose part of her family credit.

☐ A single mother of three regularly received £20 a week maintenance from her ex-husband. Now that he was being asked to pay child support the tension was upsetting the children whom he was no longer able to take out.

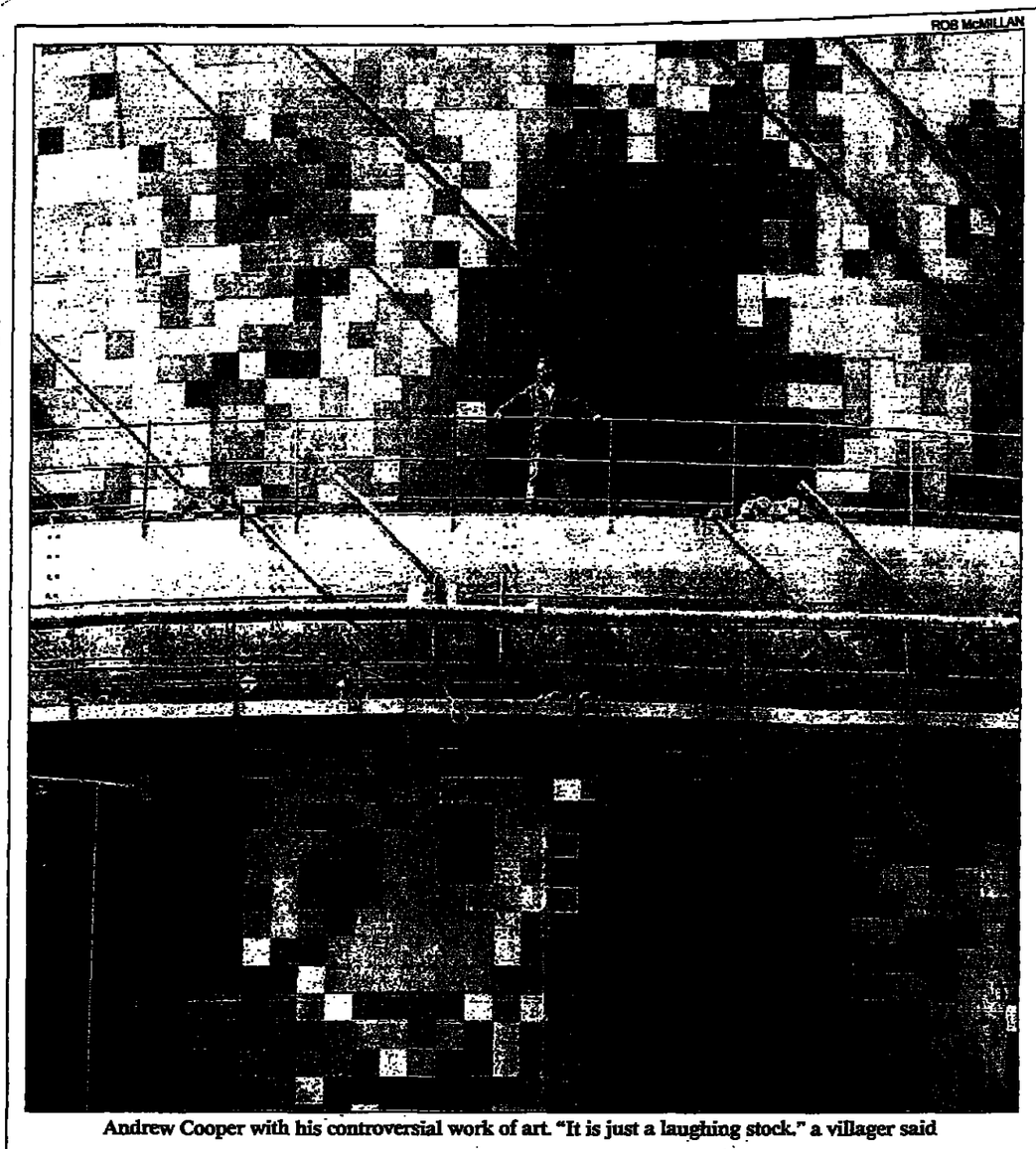
The report shows that single and absent parents face growing difficulties with housing, work and making ends meet. Difficulties are made worse by an "alarming" catalogue of unacceptable delays, errors and poor communication by the CSA which raise doubts about its ability to cope over the next three years while extending its workload.

The association's evidence points to a "growing mountain" of arrears, with absent parents failing to meet the demands for higher child maintenance, and the agency holding back on its extensive powers to enforce payment.

The report calls for lone parents on income support to keep some of the maintenance they are awarded which at present is deducted from their benefit. The association also wants a guaranteed fixed amount in maintenance payments for parents with care on family credit so they are able to stay in work.

Ann Abraham, chief executive, said: "The Government has placed short-term savings in public spending above the long-term welfare of children. It is in the interests of all concerned that maintenance is set at affordable levels."

ROB McMILLAN



Andrew Cooper with his controversial work of art. "It is just a laughing stock," a villager said

Gasholder becomes a work of art for £60,000

BRITAIN'S biggest work of art has been unveiled — more than £60,000 was spent on turning a 120ft grey gasholder into a multicoloured structure. However villagers in the Welsh valleys have called it a waste of money.

Andrew Cooper, 38, from the Royal College of Art, defended his landmark and said: "Public art is not easy because it strikes you in the eye. Its not like walking into a gallery. It is here for all to see."

The tank has been painted with autumn colours to blend with the hillside at Llwynypia, Mid Glamorgan. Villagers say the oranges and ochres are more like rust and oil.

Mr Cooper and two painters spent nearly a year covering the gasholder with 52,000 hand-painted squares, each 12 inches high. The bill is being paid by Mid Glamorgan County Council, British Gas and the Welsh Development Agency.

Ray Price, 63, a villager, said: "It's nothing but a waste of money. They've turned one eyesore into another eyesore. At least you knew before that it was a gasholder just like any other. Now it is just a laughing stock."

British Gas said: "It would normally cost about £30,000 to paint a gasholder. This has cost twice as much but with the council picking up the rest. We are very pleased with the overall result."

Book offers tips on DIY funerals

By A Staff Reporter

ADVICE on arranging DIY funerals has been included for the first time in a book for the recently bereaved.

What To Do When Someone Dies (£9.99), first published by the Consumers' Association in 1967, has been revised and expanded by Paul Harris, of funeral directors in Salisbury. The new material includes a chapter on the practicalities of burials and cremations arranged without a funeral director.

Snags include discovering only on the day of cremation that your coffin fails to conform with pollution legislation. Churchyard or cemetery burials present fewer problems, but "It is far from funny when a coffin collapses at a funeral. No one should contemplate beginning a DIY career by making a coffin."

For burials at home, Mr Harris says, planning permission should be sought long before death is expected.

Best B&Bs boost quality and prices

By Robin Young

BUSINESS is booming among bed and breakfast establishments, according to a new guide book published today. Standards are rising, the book's editors say, and though prices have increased fierce competition means there are still plenty of bargains to be had.

The Good Bed and Breakfast Guide, published by the Consumers' Association, says standard B & B rooms often include extras such as television, radio-alarms, telephones and private bathrooms, which only a few years ago would have been found only in hotels.

Some establishments offer healthy alternatives to the traditional cooked breakfast, and a few provide dinners of such high quality that they also appear in the association's *The Good Food Guide*.

Comparing facilities and prices with those in the 1988 book, the guide reports that eight out of ten have increased the number of rooms with bath or shower, while prices have increased in most cases by only a few pounds.

The editors, Elsie Dillard and Susan Causin, say that the best bargains were found in Scotland and Wales. Bath, the Cotswolds and Edinburgh were fast catching up with London in price. Most of the 1,000 entries in the book are in particularly attractive locations and charge under £30 per person a night. In London the likely charge is about £5 higher.

Children are generally welcome, but the editors found that the number of B & Bs which welcome smokers is shrinking, and that those which still permit smoking often ban in it in bedrooms and dining rooms.

☐ *The Good Bed and Breakfast Guide*, Which? Books, Consumers' Association, £13.99.

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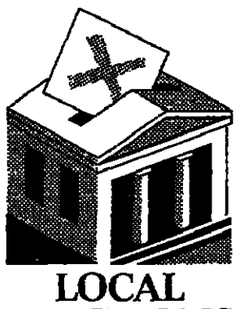
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Lambeth's Tories tell Major to stay out of campaign

BY ANDREW PIERCE



LOCAL ELECTIONS 1994

TORY councillors in Lambeth, where John Major started his political career, have made it clear that they do not think the Prime Minister's presence in the local election campaign would be helpful.

Party activists admit that they have encountered deep discontent with the Government and the Prime Minister on the campaign trail for next month's local authority elections. Mr Major made a much-publicised return to the London borough of Lambeth during the 1992 general election, which was turned into a nostalgic party political broadcast. A repeat performance has been rejected locally, and suggestions that Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, should appear during the campaign have been politely rebuffed.

Peter Evans, deputy leader of the 18-strong Tory group on Lambeth council, which is braced for heavy losses on May 5, said: "They are not welcome. This is a local campaign which we want to fight on local issues. We cannot afford to let it become a referendum on the Government. It is very unpopular at the moment. We are starting to get the message across that Lambeth council, which has been run by a rotten Labour Party for decades, is to blame for all the area's problems. So we cannot afford to have John Major come here. It would backfire."

Mr Major, described by the Labour MP Ken Livingstone as the best housing committee chairman Lambeth ever had, has been identified as one of the prime sources of voter discontent by Lambeth Tories.

In the last few years of Margaret Thatcher's reign Tory stalwarts increasingly encountered "that bloody woman" syndrome on the doorstep. Another Tory councillor in Lambeth said they had come across a new phenomenon. "We now hear: I'm not voting for that wimp."

Not that Labour leaders are in a rush to visit the borough, described as the "rottenest" in Britain by the Tories and the tabloid press. Council house rents have risen 56 per cent in three years and the average council tax at £630 is one of the highest in the country. Rent and rate arrears now stand at £200 million.

The "loony left" image is beginning to fade, although an independent enquiry, chaired by Elizabeth Appleby, QC, will report after the elections into claims by senior officers of fraud possibly involving millions of pounds.

The Liberal Democrats are cashing in on the disillusionment with Lambeth council. They have won a string of by-elections, and a hung council is likely with the Liberal Democrats in ascendancy for the first time. Mike Tuffrey, the Liberal Democrat leader, said: "Residents no longer blame the wicked Tories for the fact that Lambeth is one of the worst-run boroughs in England. They know it is because Lambeth Labour Party is rotten to the core."

In 1991 13 Labour councillors were suspended. Joan Twelves, their hard-left former leader, is seeking re-election next week as a Labour candidate. Ted Knight is canvassing for the party. While the red flag no longer flies at Brixton town hall, the flags of the Pan Africanist Congress and the International Gay Liberation Organisation have been known to take its place.

☐ **Birmingham:** John Patten yesterday hailed opposition Tory group plans to build a new grammar school as Labour made education the centrepiece of its local elections campaign (Nicholas Wood writes). On a visit to the city targeted by the Tory high command as a potential gain on May 5, the Education Secretary supported proposals from local Tories and attacked alleged Labour neglect of the city's schools.

"The proposal that construction companies should be offered some of Birmingham's considerable surplus land in return for carrying out school repairs and improvements is one that I particularly welcome," he said.

Ann Taylor, the shadow Education Secretary, criticised the Conservatives for neglecting school buildings. On average, local education authorities had been given less than a quarter of the money they wanted to make repairs. The backlog amounted to £4 billion, and even the Tories admitted that an extra £2 billion was needed to shore up crumbling schools, she said.

Opting out of council control offered no respite as Mr Patten turned on grant-maintained schools and gave them only 7.6 per cent on average of the capital funds they wanted, she said.

The Tories have provoked fresh anger over the tone of their campaign. A leaflet attacking the Labour-run council names Four Dwellings Secondary School alongside a photograph of a graffiti-covered wall. The school's governors have written to Sir Norman Fowler protesting at "such a poorly researched political leaflet".

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DENIS MINSHALL

Peter Evans, deputy leader of Lambeth's Tories, talking to Rasta Issciher, a Brixton voter, yesterday

Diplomat defends British role in world

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE head of the diplomatic service yesterday denied that Britain had become an "ordinary little nation" with little international standing.

Sir David Gillmore, permanent secretary at the Foreign Office, admitted, however, that Britain needed to reassess the regions in which it should exert greatest influence.

Sir David responded to remarks reported to have been made by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. In an interview due to be published in June, Dr Carey says: "We're in a very big world and we're now very lonely; we have lost nearly all our navy and air force and so on. We're a pretty ordinary little nation and yet we don't realise it."

Sir David told MPs on the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee, that Britain was maintaining its influence by altering its global aims to reflect changing commercial requirements. "I don't believe by any standards of historical judgment this country can be described as mediocre. I am continually struck by the continued attention that is paid to our view, the continued interest in what is going on in this country and the deference to British institutions in countries where one would least expect it."

Dr Carey's comments come at a sensitive time for the Foreign Office where officials are planning to reduce the number of support posts by 500 over the next three years.

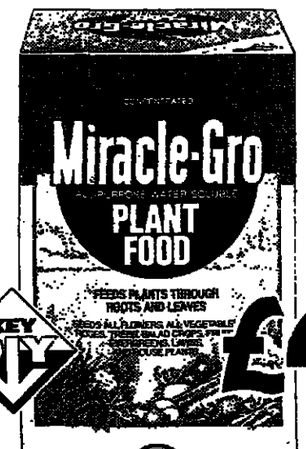
Sir David accepted that the decision to increase Foreign Office staffing in South East Asia was based largely on commercial considerations and that such a policy could be extended to other potential markets in Latin America. There had been long-standing pressure on the Foreign Office to increase its influence in areas of the world which were becoming more influential.

Staffing had been increased in Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, and Seoul. Sir David said: "One of our challenges is to keep up with changes emerging in the Pacific Rim and South East Asia where there are new and promising opportunities for British business."

In Parliament

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Gay vote protesters show their outrage

GAY rights protesters yesterday broke through security at the Labour Party's London headquarters and showered white feathers over Labour MPs attending a national executive meeting.

The protest, staged by Outrage, the gay rights group, accused Labour MPs of "moral cowardice" for blocking equal rights for homosexuals. They said that 39 Labour MPs had voted against reducing the age of consent for homosexuals to 16 in a free vote in the Commons in February, and demanded that David Blunkett and Ann Taylor should be sacked from the shadow cabinet.

Holding up placards which said "Labour not fit for queer vote" and "David Blunkett health hazard", the protesters waved rubber chickens at NEC members and tipped bags of white feathers over them.

Peter Tatchell, Outrage spokesman, claimed the Labour votes were enough to block the attempt to equalise the age of consent.

Hospital media ban overruled

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

JOHN Major yesterday gave his approval to media coverage of John Smith's visit at Bart's Hospital in London after health department officials had threatened to ban press covering the event from the premises.

The climbdown came in a written response to a letter from the Labour Leader, who accused the department of "a gross abuse of government power". Three weeks ago Mr Major made a widely publicised visit to Basildon Hospital maternity unit.

Mr Smith's office had been warned that no media representatives would allowed into the hospital during the visit today because of a convention that no party political publicity should be allowed on NHS premises in the three weeks before an election.

Mr Major said he accepted that the decision was based on an "over-scrupulous" interpretation of the convention.

Lilley offers help with pensions

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, yesterday paved the way for extra financial incentives for those aged over 50 who have opted to take out personal pensions.

An independent report by Coopers & Lybrand has pointed out that men over 50 and women over 45 should consider returning to the state scheme because they will not have time to accrue sufficient retirement benefit through private schemes.

The problems faced by the over-50s who have opted out are under scrutiny in an investigation of some of the leading pension companies. Mr Lilley was questioned about pension sales by the Commons Social Security Select Committee on the eve of new announcements by the Securities and Investments Board telling companies to disclose their commission and total charges for pensions and endowment polices.

Unions take wage pressure off Smith

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

UNION leaders on Labour's national executive yesterday supported John Smith by approving a campaign document which calls for a national minimum wage without specifying a figure.

The campaign pack, which is expected to be published during the European election campaign and will be used for future by-elections, focuses on the need for improved employment rights and job security.

Earlier this year union bosses were pressing for Labour to set a minimum wage of at least £4.05 an hour. The figure, which appeared in a document prepared by the public service union Unison, for the NEC, was removed by officials once Mr Smith had told the NEC that Labour should have no hostages to fortune. Since then some union leaders have still been pressing for a figure to be set.

The Labour Leader told the NEC that the case for a national minimum wage had still not been won throughout the country. It was vital to promote the case before filling in the detail, he told the meeting. "We still need to win the argument," he said. A Labour spokesman said none of the union members of the NEC called for a specific figure to be put in the document yesterday.

Other proposals in the paper which was approved yesterday alongside Labour's European manifesto include specialist industrial courts to help to resolve disputes, a legal right to union representation for individual workers and an obligation on employers to recognise a union for collective bargaining where this has employee support.

Labour's manifesto for Europe, which will be published next month, is largely in line with the European socialist manifesto and is committed to signing up to the social chapter. It also supports a managed exchange-rate system and progress towards a single currency. It rules out legislation to shorten the working week.

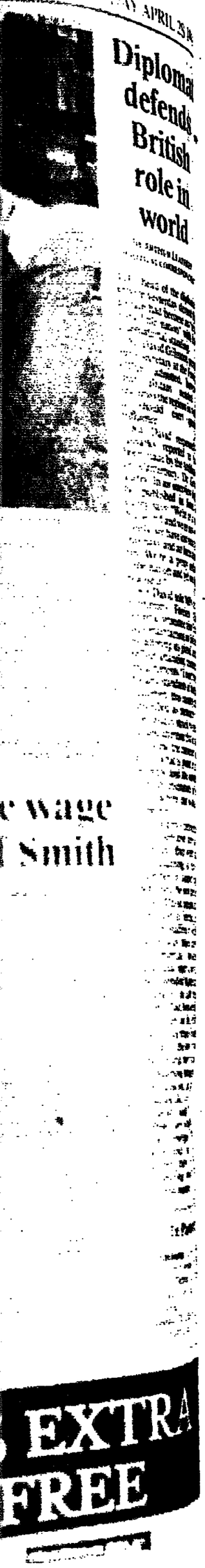
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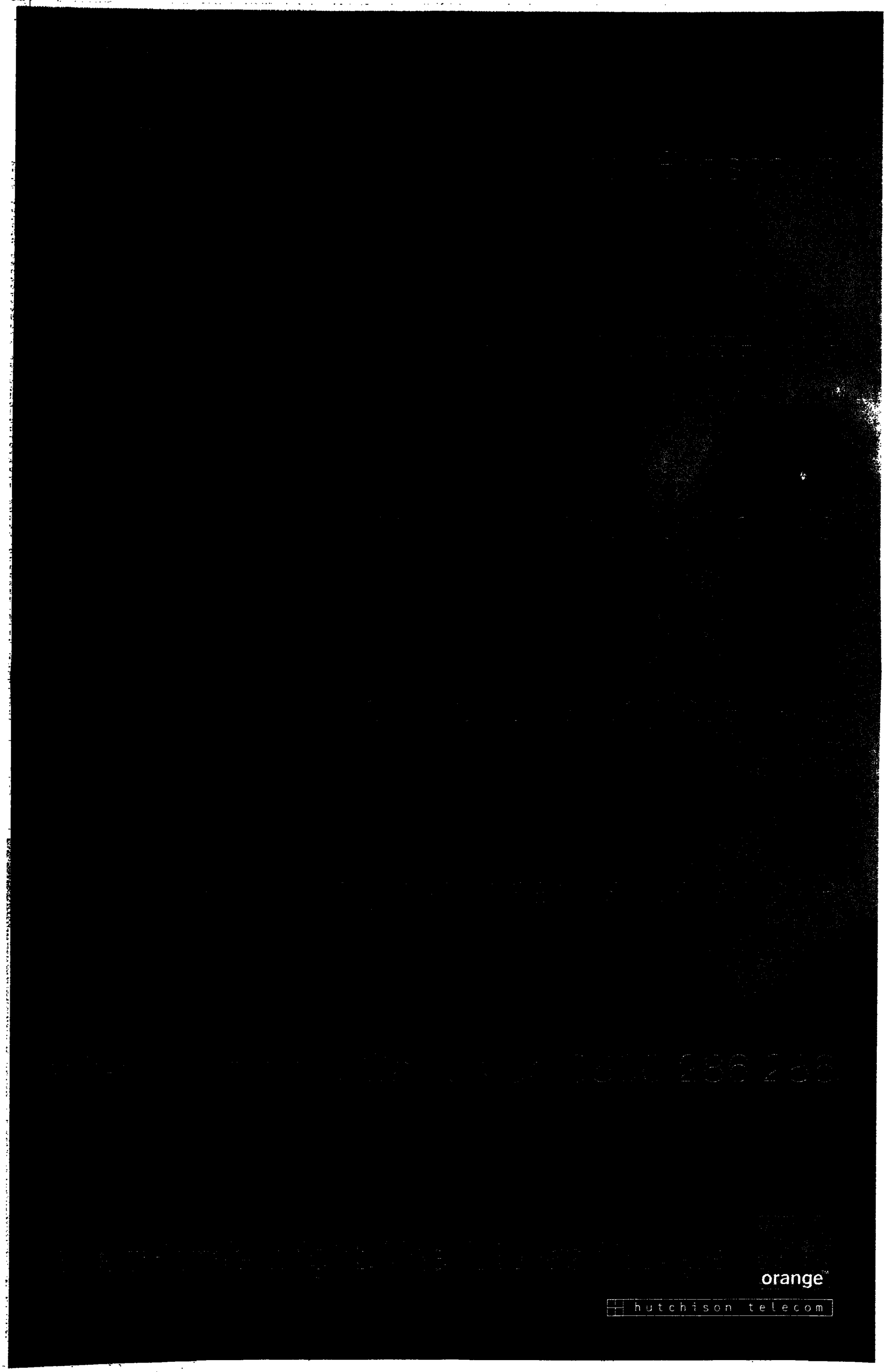


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Muslims fear Serb ambition will feed on UN impotence

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN TRAVNIK

A MEAN, brooding atmosphere hangs over Travnik's empty streets. It permeates the corridors and cellars of buildings in which people shelter. It is accentuated by the *Marie Celeste*-type abandonment of military posts; even the barrier guarding the entrance to 7 Corps headquarters lies open and unmanned.

The crump of shells rock the old Muslim town; sometimes distant, double thumps, sometimes close and preceded by a nerve-jangling, fluttering whistle that deepens in pitch as it approaches, culminating in a crashing explosion.

Uneasiness at Gorazde's painful fate ripples throughout the western front-line towns of central Bosnia. Their inhabitants, military and civilian, feel that General Ratko Mladic and his Bosnian Serb army have been given a clear message from the display of UN impotence in the eastern enclave. "They know now that they can take what they want," said a young Bosnian soldier, "so long as they do it quickly enough. Then the UN will come in and guard their lines for them."

Fighting has escalated over the past week along battle lines stretching northeast from Bugojno toward Zepce.

In common with Bugojno, Travnik straddles a road of tactical importance to the Serbs, whose strategic aim, a senior UN officer commented, "is to consolidate the territorial viability of the Bosnian Serb republic".

Four days ago a Serb offensive took a knoll of vital ground on the Vlasic mountain, a vast rock that dominates the town, giving them a clear line of sight down the Lasva valley. Shelling of the area has escalated dramatically.

Gone are the months of black market trading and comparative peace that descended on Serb and government forces in the area. The war has returned. We sit in a stone corridor and try not to think too much about the prefabricated roof above us. Government soldiers, among them veterans of two years' fighting, look as disconcerted as civilians. Cigarettes tremble with varying degrees of intensity. Every two or three minutes an explosion shakes us. The shelling has already been going on for three hours and seems to be getting closer. Three days ago the Coldstream Guards, band and all, organised a childrens' party in nearby Vitez. The first beat of the bass drum had sent 600 cowering to the floor. It was a noise they do not associate with parties.

"They've hit the sanitorium," someone remarks. Another disagrees. We are all aware that our location in a military headquarters is far from the best place to be. A particularly loud crash rattles the walls. Two UN liaison officers and a Bosnian soldier appear from a room. One has paratroop wings on his shoulder and a sickly smile on his face, which is somehow encouraging to see.

They interpret the sudden escalation in fighting as a Serb move to hold down government troops, then punch through a weak spot in the line. "But anticipating Bosnian tactics always involves a fair degree of speculation," a Royal Marine captain notes.

The reality is that no one is sure what is happening, least of all the UN. The only certainty is that Serb forces have left Gorazde, and General Mladic has a time limit in which to achieve his goals elsewhere before a coherent UN strategy emerges.



An F18 fighter from the *USS Saratoga* in the Adriatic on its way to patrol the exclusion zone around Gorazde yesterday



Nato moves to protect remaining safe areas

BY JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND MICHAEL EVANS

NATO warned the Serbs yesterday that any shelling of the "safe areas" would lead to air strikes, and that the alliance would still target artillery found in the exclusion zone around Gorazde.

But it agreed that there was no immediate need for strikes around Gorazde, since the Serbs had complied with the latest deadline to withdraw heavy weapons 12 miles from the town. After a meeting of Nato ambassadors in Brussels, a spokesman said there were signs that the "objective of lifting the strangulation of Gorazde has been achieved". Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the United Nations commander in Bosnia, has visited Gorazde.

A rigorous policy affecting the other safe areas in Bosnia — Srebrenica, Zepa, Tuzla and Bihac — is now being implemented. A Nato official said the Serbs had been told they could keep their heavy weapons in place but if any were fired an immediate 12-mile exclusion zone would be set up and the Serb guns would have to be moved or face attack.

Vitali Churkin, Russia's special envoy to the former Yugoslavia, has stepped down. He said yesterday that Alexei Nikiforov, a senior Russian diplomat with direct experience of Yugoslavia, would represent Moscow in the new contact group.

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Woolsey: crime wave threatens Yeltsin reforms

Yeltsin told to act over murder of Russian deputy

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE Russian parliament demanded yesterday that President Yeltsin should dismiss his interior minister after a young deputy was shot in a suspected gangland killing.

Angry members of the Duma, the lower chamber, voted by 239 to 11 for the removal of Viktor Erin, in a declaration that said "not only the lives of individual people but the very existence of the Russian state" was threatened by organised crime.

The move was prompted by one of the most brazen murders in a wave of recent contract killings: when a gunman shot dead Andrei Aizderdzis with a single blast from a pump-action shotgun as the deputy climbed the stairs to his flat in a Moscow suburb on Tuesday night.

Although President Yeltsin promised yesterday to crack down on the country's powerful mafia and to apprehend those responsible, his government has been unable so far to halt soaring crime figures and stem the growing power of the mob.

Vladimir Medvedev, a member of the New Regional Policy faction, to which the murdered deputy belonged, said: "Judging from initial reports, it is clear that this was a contract killing and in our view it was a political killing."

It was not clear immediately why the mafia had put out a contract on Mr Aizderdzi, 35, who might have become entangled with organised crime through his previous job as chairman of the MDK bank. He might also have been targeted after his journal *Kto yest Kto (Who's Who)* enraged the underworld recently by publishing the names and criminal histories of nearly 300 alleged mafia bosses under the heading "Kings of Crime".

Sergei Shakhrai, first deputy Prime Minister, said: "The government is in a practically impossible situation. If it introduces emergency measures, there are people who will say it is settling scores with the opposition. If it does nothing, it will be accused of being weak."

In a prophetic warning last week, James Woolsey, the CIA director, told the US Congress: "For Russia itself there is a real threat that the surge in crime will sour the Russian people on Yeltsin's reform programme and drive them into the arms of Russia's hardline political foes."

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Major and Kohl signal end to disagreement over majority voting

Bonn sets limits on expansion of European Union

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

GERMANY is ready to welcome Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia into the European Union, but gave a warning yesterday that it would block the membership of any more applicants until there was money to pay for them.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, said after talks with John Major that Germany was committed to EU enlargement and would work towards this during the coming German presidency of the Union. But he said that after the four had joined, there had to be a "breathing space" while the consequences for EU institutions were digested.

Herr Kohl also gave a blunt warning that Germany, the largest contributor to the EU budget, was not ready to pay out huge sums to finance full membership of half a dozen or more East European countries. "Funds are not unlimited," he said.

The Chancellor also suggested that Germany would support British proposals that some countries should not be offered full membership immediately, but could be brought into discussions on common foreign and security policy, and would have to wait some years for full integration. Herr Kohl faces a tough general election in October, and British officials know he is reluctant to be drawn into any public discussion of the costs of enlargement in any poll campaign.

However, Mr Major announced yesterday three proposals to begin the opening of the EU to the east: an invitation to Hungary to join an Anglo-German peacekeeping exercise next year; pooling of efforts to help Ukraine remove all nuclear weapons from its soil; and enlargement of the Anglo-German defence seminar in Hamburg to include countries that have signed Nato's *Partnership for Peace* plan.

Mr Major brusquely dismissed suggestions of any row with Herr Kohl over a successor to Jacques Delors as President of the European Commission, saying this had not been high on their agenda. He said the question was "only just beginning to come under discussion" and there was plenty of time before the Corfu summit in June for the Twelve to hold consultations.

Mr Major refused to be drawn on rumoured British opposition to Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian Prime Minister, said to be a favourite for the job by Herr Kohl because of his federalist views. "At this stage it is not wholly clear who the candidates may be," he said, adding that it was not up to Britain and Germany alone to decide M Delors' successor.

British officials made it clear that although the Prime Minister supports the candidacy of Sir Leon Brittan, he would perhaps be ready to throw his weight behind Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister. Before supporting Mr Dehaene, Britain would look for other possible candidates. Few are obvious at present. Herr Kohl insisted that he had not committed himself to the Belgian. "The Federal Government is not going to push any candidate," he said.

The two men went out of their way to lavish praise on each other to signal that the sharp disagreement between them two months ago on changing Britain's blocking vote in the EU was now at an end. Both want to take credit for the enlargement of the Union, but both are wary of the costs. Their blunt remarks suggest that other long-standing candidates such as Turkey, Cyprus and Malta may have to wait indefinitely.

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Helmut Kohl and John Major before leaving for Chequers yesterday

Berlusconi kept waiting by row over top posts

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi's nomination as Italian Prime Minister-designate was delayed again yesterday as his Freedom Alliance wrangled over the composition of the conservative politician's proposed Cabinet.

President Scalfaro had been expected to invite the media tycoon to the Quirinal Palace yesterday to ask him formally to form Italy's 53rd post-war government following the right-wing landslide in the March election.

However, by mid-afternoon, politicians from the neo-Fascist National Alliance and the Northern League, who are expected to enter the government with Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia, said the appointment might not be made by the President before today.

Television reports said the latest delay might have been caused by differences within the Freedom Alliance over who would receive the key post of interior minister with control over the police and the secret services.

Signor Berlusconi is trying to overcome League objections to find a ministerial post for Marco Pannella, the flamboyant Radical Party leader, whose party was the only left-wing force to support him in the election campaign. President Scalfaro's decision was also delayed because of discussion over how to prevent a possible conflict of interests between Signor Berlusconi's virtual monopoly of private television and his future role as head of the government.

He ended formal consultations on Tuesday by rejecting suggestions that a special guarantor should be named to watch over Signor Berlusconi to prevent abuse of his position. The President said his first duty was "to guarantee respect of the popular will" but that he himself would guarantee that a right-wing government did not abuse power.

He did not address the question of Signor Berlusconi's television interests directly but said he would not tolerate tampering with "the unity of the republic, which is indivisible".

The President also said there would be "the continuation of a foreign policy of peace and defence of the esteem, honour and respect that Italy enjoys internationally". This was a reference to suggestions by some members of the National Alliance that the government should try to reclaim parts of Slovenia and Croatia lost during the Second World War.

Navies plan merger to save funds

The Hague: The Dutch and Belgian navies plan to merge their headquarters to save money. The two will combine in Den Helder in The Netherlands under the command of a Dutch officer.

"We face the same problems: budget constraints and a need to cut manpower," a Dutch naval spokesman said. The Netherlands plans to cut the number of frigates from 22 to 16 by 2001 and shed a third of their 20,000 seamen. *(Reuter)*

Admiral acts

Moscow: Admiral Georgy Gurinov of the Russian Pacific fleet gave shoot-to-kill orders to servicemen in response to recent attacks on military facilities and ships. An officer was killed at a weapons depot by unknown assailants. *(AFP)*

Korea offer

Tokyo: North Korea said international monitors can watch but not test spent fuel when it replaces fuel rods soon at its nuclear reactor. The US says the changing of fuel rods could provide enough plutonium for five nuclear bombs. *(AFP)*

Cost of war

Islamabad: The Red Cross said here yesterday that the four-month-old civil war centred on Kabul, the Afghan capital, has left 2,500 people dead and 17,000 wounded and has created 632,000 refugees. *(AFP)*

Baby barter

Hamburg: Police here are questioning a babysitter who sold the child she was looking after. The four-month-old Albanian baby, who was sold for DM3,500 (£1,400), was recovered safely in Viersen. *(Reuter)*

German tabloids lead hunt for fugitive tycoon

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE trail appears to have gone cold in the hunt for Jurgen Schneider, the fugitive German tycoon, despite a flurry of activity. Bankruptcy proceedings are in full swing and prosecutors are faxing details of the missing millionaire to German embassies.

Pictures of him, bearing the words "Wanted on suspicion of serious fraud", were yesterday issued to national police forces through Interpol. Newspapers mock the bumbling activities of the police and the surprisingly sluggish behaviour of more than 30 creditor banks who have yet to respond to German government urging to offer a generous reward for Herr Schneider's capture.

One newspaper, on the basis of a photographer's rather shaky testmony, claimed that the tycoon had tried to go to ground in his big Florida villa. If this were ever true, it no longer is.

Herr Schneider, who channelled £115 million into foreign accounts before his disappearance, has close business contacts in Tehran and may be sheltering under the protection of the mullahs. Tel Aviv is another mooted possibility. Yet all these hiding places are being mentioned by the press on the flimsiest of evidence.

It now seems the property tycoon, leaving at least £2 billion of debt behind, fled with his wife Claudia, an heiress in her fifties. Ysabel and Nikolai, their two adult children, have also dropped out of sight and the assumption is that they have joined their parents abroad.

Ysabel's answering machine yesterday played the presumably ironic message: "I am not at home at the moment. All contributions would be gratefully received ...

Although Deutsche Bank, Herr Schneider's main creditor, appears convinced that he organised a full-scale sting operation against it, some bankers are willing to believe that he may have an incurable disease.

Before Easter, Herr Schneider wrote to a member of the Deutsche Bank board saying that his doctor had advised him to drop all day-by-day contact with his business; he therefore intended to go abroad for a while. "It is conceivable that Schneider was told something devastating, causing something in him to snap," a Frankfurt property analyst said.

The rapidity with which Herr Schneider emptied his account in Germany and packed his bags does not tally with the man whose daily routine was to leave home at 6am and work until late evening. He was a man of routine, utterly predictable to all who knew him. Suddenly he broke the pattern. Until the police discover why, they are reduced to following every geographical lead dreamt up by Germany's tabloids.


Schneider: may have an incurable disease

Fears for 'Scream' after part of frame is found

FROM REUTER IN OSLO

PART of the frame of the stolen Norwegian masterpiece *The Scream* has been found in what could be a cryptic sign that the thieves want to negotiate about returning the work, Norway's National Gallery said yesterday.

The find of the 37 in piece of gilt-covered wood at a disused bus stop outside Oslo also stirred fears that the 1893 painting by Norway's Edvard Munch might have been damaged.

"It is extremely difficult to evaluate the importance of the find. But it must have been planted there ... it indicates that they are trying to establish contact," Knut Berg, director of the National Gallery, said. *The Scream*, showing a waif-like figure wide-mouthed in terror beneath a blood-red sky, was stolen from the National Gallery on February 12.

"It is a fragile painting. Rumours that it had been taken out of the frame have now been confirmed. That makes us awfully nervous," Mr Berg said.

The work is waxed crayon and tempera on cardboard. Mr Berg said it could easily be smudged outside its frame and armoured glass cover.

The piece of the frame was recovered on Tuesday after a tip to the Norwegian daily *Dagbladet*, which declined to identify the source. Officials have said a group of Norwegian investors has been involved in furtive talks about paying a possible ransom for the work, aiming then to donate it to the National Gallery. "But there are so many rumours and so many people on the fringes of the criminal world who say they have information without giving us or the police any solid leads," Mr Berg said.

Leif Einar Plather, chief restorer at the National Gallery, said the frame had been taken apart carefully, without damaging the wood. "But it is impossible to say anything about the state of the painting from that except that it is now unprotected."

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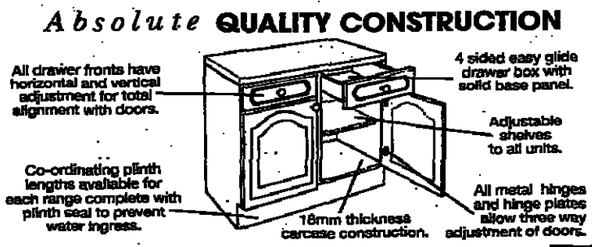


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Polling stations close, ballot papers are lost and invisible ink disappears in day of electoral setbacks

Voters shun bombers to make mark on history

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE first full day of voting in the South African general election began with a car bomb exploding outside the international departures section of Jan Smuts airport here. The blast, which could be heard ten miles away, injured 16 people, two seriously.

Later, General Johan van de Merwe, the South African police commissioner, announced the arrest of 31 members of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) said to be members of the *Ystergarde* (Iron Guard), a so-called elite corps whose *black uniforms echo those of Hitler's SS*, and who provide bodyguards for Eugene Terre'Blanche, their leader. Two were policemen.

They are being held in isolation and questioned in connection with the spate of bombings which has rocked Transvaal towns, killing 21 and injuring 173 people. Further investigation, said the commissioner, was being undertaken "perhaps to leadership level". For several hours after the blast, the airport was littered with debris and a trail of blood led down a staircase where a woman airport employee had been carried to an ambulance. By afternoon, *flights returned to normal but* with many fewer passengers after mass cancellations.

Yesterday was, in reality, the first day of the new South Africa. The new non-racial constitution came into effect at midnight and from that time the black homelands ceased officially to exist, including KwaZulu, the power centre of Chief *Mangosuthu Buthelezi*.

It also became an offence to discriminate against anyone on the grounds of race, creed or gender.

Millions of South Africans around the country ignored the bombing campaign and turned out to vote, many spending a frustrating day, standing in long queues, alternately under a fierce sun or in autumnal showers.

Some polling stations were hours late opening because ballot papers, special inks, stamps or stickers had not been delivered on time. In some places voters were turned away when ballot papers ran out.

Judge Johann Kriegler, the chief election commissioner, whose Independent Electoral Commission has been charged with running the election instead of the more experienced but apartheid-tainted government structures, has been put on the defensive by criticisms of widespread inefficiency and unpreparedness. "I never promised anybody a rose garden," he said yesterday. He called in police to investigate the mystery of disappearing ballot papers.

For weeks he had said the papers were being printed on special paper with security elements built in, and that only a British specialist firm in west London could produce them. Yesterday he announced that 9.3 million more papers would be produced overnight by South African printers. It was possible, he admitted, that census figures giving voter numbers could have been wrong.

The judge has also changed the rules on spoilt ballot papers because of the shortage of stickers which were supposed to be attached after the Inkatha Freedom Party joined the election.

His office said that if a voting paper did not have a sticker, a person intending to vote for Inkatha could write the party's name in, or could be assisted to do so. Papers without stickers were to be put into a different ballot box, and considered separately.

According to Judge Kriegler, they may then be "given a lesser value", when counted. Chief Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, had not been consulted about this change, the judge said, and indeed was not happy about the competence and fairness of the election.

Many other parties questioned the competence with which the election has been conducted, including the Pan Africanist Congress, the Democratic Party and the right-wing Freedom Front.

In the Orange Free State polling stations closed as ballot papers ran out. *Voters were told to come back at 2 pm* today, the last polling day.

Aeroplanes and helicopters were standing by to fly in new ballot papers from Johannesburg, where emergency printing was under way.

There was a shortage in some areas of invisible ink, which under ultra-violet light could be detected to identify those who had already voted. Organisers, who felt there had been little voter intimidation, decided to use visible ink.

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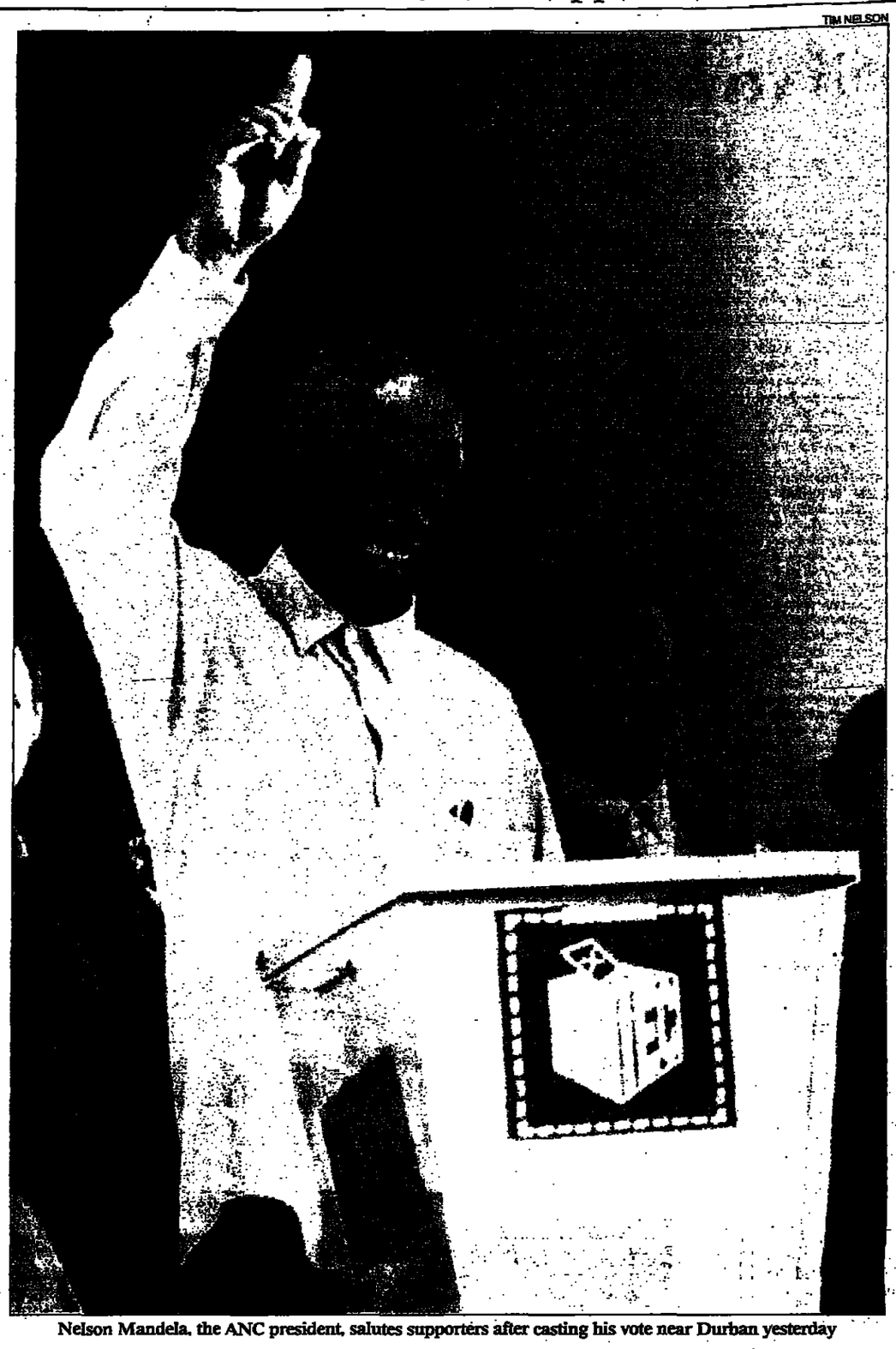
Delegates hail flag of unity

FROM REUTER IN NEW YORK

SOUTH Africa's new flag was hoisted outside the United Nations yesterday in a wordless 90-second ceremony. Jim Steward, the South African UN Ambassador, stood facing the flag pole, flanked by Kingsley Makhubela, the deputy UN observer of the African National Congress (ANC), and Reggie Kumalo, the UN observer of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC).

As a UN guard ran up the new red, green, blue, white, black and gold colours, the silence was broken only by the clicking of cameras and the drone of a high-flying airliner. A small crowd of onlookers applauded and Mr Steward embraced Mr Makhubela and Mr Kumalo in turn, who then embraced each other. There were no speeches, *since the ceremony honoured a new flag*, not the entry of a new UN member. Mr Steward later said: "The theme of this flag is reconciliation. And we are in a process of reconciling all the divergent animosities that have existed in the past."

Mr Makhubela said: "Raising a new flag at the United Nations symbolises the dawn of a new era. I think it is the beginning of the acceptance by the international community of South Africa." Mr Kumalo added: "The people of the world should see that South Africa is now coming back to the community of free nations."



TIM NELSON

Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, salutes supporters after casting his vote near Durban yesterday

Buthelezi's threat to pull out fuels fears of fresh violence

FROM SAM KILEY IN DURBAN

MANGOSUTHU Buthelezi, the Inkatha Freedom Party leader, threatened last night to pull out of the South African elections because of widespread polling chaos. His officials alleged that Inkatha stamps and stickers were not delivered to many polling stations and that ballot papers *ran out before people could* cast their votes at others.

Dr Buthelezi's warning, amid the disorganisation in Kwazulu-Natal, fuelled fears of a violent backlash from his supporters. In the region where political killings fell sharply after Inkatha agreed to take part in the elections, there was apprehension that violence may again escalate as the extent of administrative bungling by the *Independent* Electoral Commission filtered out.Allister Sparks, an author and former editor of the liberal *Rand Daily Mail*, said he was astonished that polling in Kwazulu-Natal, the most politically sensitive region in the country ,where 300 people were killed this month, would have been so blighted by the disorganisation. This view was shared by local and international observers, monitoring the historic elections.

Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, made an effort to reinforce confidence in the political settlement that drew Inkatha into the elections by casting his vote in Kwazulu/Natal. Mr Mandela voted at Ohlange High School in Inanda township, five miles north of Durban, ana rea that has been the scene of bitter fighting. The school is close to Mahatma Gandhi's first settlement at the International Printing Press, which is on the front line between Inkatha and ANC strongholds in Bhambayi.

Mr Mandela, noting the near absence of violence around polling stations yesterday, summed up the feelings of the overwhelming majority of South Africans.

He said: "We have moved from an era of pessimism, division, turmoil and conflict, and starting a new era of hope, of reconciliation, of nation building. We sincerely hope that by the mere casting of a vote the result will give hope to all South Africans and make all realise that this is our country, this is one nation."

Mr Mandela, 75, who spent 27 years behind bars during his fight for democracy, repeated his appeal to whites, in particular, to be optimistic about the future. "To those who are worried about the changes and that they are now going to be in a disadvantaged *position, I repeat, I have* fought very firmly against white domination, and I have fought very firmly against black domination. I cherish the ideal of a new South Africa where all South Africans are equal."

In many areas in the province, thousands of people gathered as early as 3am for their first taste of democracy. Two brothers pushed their aged mother two miles through hills in a wheelbarrow so that she could vote.

Suzman fights for her people right to the joyful end

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dents are fully aware of the importance of this election. Ever since the first Soweto riots in 1976, these streets have seen the blood of resistance. Here were the first necklacings, the most bitter faction fights. Soweto's politics will be to an ANC government what the politics of Boston and Manhattan were to the old US Democratic Party.

Nobody knows Soweto's size. Two million, perhaps three million, people are spread across mile after mile of rolling bush, the smoke of their fires a dark stain in the sky southwest of Johannesburg. Some of its neighbourhoods are comfortably suburban, the old township huts converted and surrounded by neat gardens. Most are cheapjack sprawl, mud streets full of rubbish and teeming with commuters packing the minibuses to Johannesburg.

Yesterday was a holiday. Nobody went anywhere except to a polling station. From early morning Sowetans streamed out in their hundreds of thousands, at least a million and a half registered voters. Soweto should have had at least 500 polling stations, but the police objected. There are just 200. Outside them crowds gathered in orderly queues with remarkable patience, dignified, some in their Sunday clothes, women with brightly coloured umbrellas. I wonder if their dignity will survive through tomorrow night. To Mrs Suzman the incompetence of the electoral commission overwhelmed any sense of occasion. It was as if the organization of this election was the whites' last insult to the blacks. Nor could the incompetence be blamed on the old Pretoria bureaucrats. Their help was rejected by the transitional government as tainted by apartheid. The election is being run by South Africa's new establishment: liberal lawyers, academics and party apparatchiks who have crippled their organisation with positive discrimination, code for unqualified black patronage. Nobody seems to have considered *how such political correctness might* rebound on the black electorate.

Mrs Suzman's explosions of anger have become familiar at the commission headquarters. After each stop yesterday she collapsed into the car and demanded more clips, more ink, more boxes, more stamps. She was like a commander touring the front who finds an enemy offensive imminent and her troops still without boots. Clips, stamps, stickers, boxes are not just the petty cash of democracy. To a voter, they are its essence. For want of a clip, the ballot box is lost: for want of a box, a local result is contested. A contested result leaves a long-standing grievance.

Of more immediate concern is what waiting four, eight, even 12 hours in the hot sun might do for the public's nerves. By yesterday afternoon I sensed faces growing longer and complaints more embittered even among Soweto's awesomely good-humoured crowds.

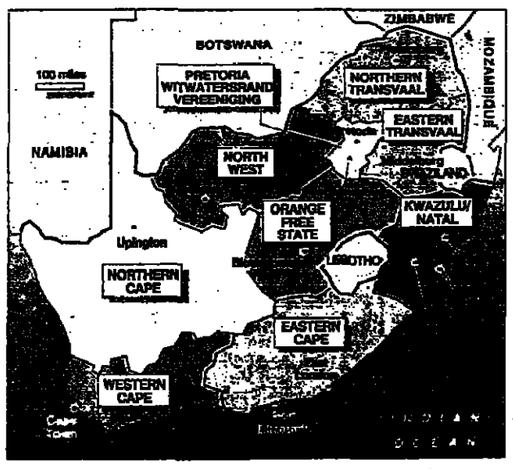
As security guards finally caught up with Mrs Suzman she furiously chased them away. "I have never had security, and I don't want it in Soweto," she shouted. When the election is over she means to retire to her bolthole on the coast. "I have seen what I fought for achieved. Besides, I would be a terrible government supporter. I am naturally in opposition." She sighed. "And look at that queue! It is outrageous. Telephone headquarters. God help this country."

I did not dare point out that Commissioner Suzman is one of those responsible for this election. It is the nearest she has come to being in charge in this her beloved country.

But then she is best in opposition. Soweto saw her at her best.

Apartheid has its day in the town Livingstone left behind

FROM STEPHEN TAYLOR IN KURUMAN



THE spirit of apartheid endured for just an hour after the start of voting in this isolated corner of the Northern Cape, the largest and most sparsely populated of South Africa's electoral regions, and the one in which the National Party has its best chance of victory. Two polling stations had been set up off Voortrekker Street in Kuruman, the remote *dorp* where David Livingstone began his mission in Africa 150 years ago. The town hall was intended for Whites, the tent on a *stretch of ground beside the* bus station for Blacks and Coloureds.

Within a few minutes of the doors opening at the hall, some burly farmers and their ample wives had cast their ballots. Up the street at the bus station, a queue of Blacks and Coloureds waiting *outside* the voting tent had been gathering since before dawn and stretched for hundreds of yards. Gradually, however, the word spread that voting *was quicker at the "White"* station and the crowd trickled down to the town hall, so that by mid morning all races were sharing a two-hour wait in the sweltering Kalahari sun.

Denis Hope, the presiding officer, said: "We were not expecting so many voters. The Blacks were supposed to vote at the bus station. Not that it is a problem, of course," he added hastily. "People can vote wherever they want. But *we had to bring in more* ballot papers." Lying about 150 miles north of the diamond fields of Kimberley, and on the southern edge of the Kalahari Desert, Kuruman is in the heart of a region which is rural South Africa writ large. The Northern Cape is *bigger than England — tens* of thousands of square miles of apparently deserted scrubland and thorny acacia trees — but with only 434,930 voters, more than half of them in the Kimberley district. Here, as elsewhere, there are Whites who remain unreconciled to change. Last month a bomb blew the roof of the ANC office in town and Nan Viljoen, the local National Party agent, said a hard core of local farmers had joined the far-right boycott.

Nevertheless, the Nationalists are in with a strong chance of victory in Northern Cape. While the ANC was taking the votes of Blacks coming down in buses from the former homeland of Bophuthatswana yesterday, Coloured voters were unashamed at admitting support for the Nationalists.

The Coloureds of the Northern Cape are a distinct group descended from Afrikaner *trekboers* and Riqua or Koranna nomads, who were themselves quite separate from the majority Bantu-speaking Black population. Theirs is a highly conservative society which has taken great alarm at the violence racking KwaZulu/Natal and Transvaal.

Amos Semomyam, a diminutive and wizened figure, said: "De Klerk is my man. He has given us freedom of speech. We can say whatever we want. I like that." Among the first voters to emerge from the tent were Beauty Andries and Godwin Rooibaaitjie. "I have lived all my life with the Boers," Mr Rooibaaitjie, a farmworker, said. "I am not ing with them." The Nationalists' *prospects might* also have been improved by the fact that, a few White extremists notwithstanding, their region has few of the urban problems that plague South Africa. "This is the best part of the country in terms of holding free and fair elections," Riccardo Shedid, head of the United Nations electoral mission, said. Just three miles to the north of Kuruman lies the mission station established by Robert Moffat and where Livingstone arrived as a young missionary in 1841. The consequences were profound. At the time Kuruman was the London Missionary Society's farthest outpost in the Cape Colony, and sub-Saharan Africa remained a vast and unknown interior to the outside world.

Within a few years Livingstone was back in England, after crossing Africa from coast to coast, and at Cambridge issued the clarion call that summoned a generation to evangelise and open up the continent, and which in turn triggered the European scramble for African colonies.

The little mission station, the hut where Livingstone lived, along with Moffat's church, were closed yesterday, but in its way the voting in town was, if not a final chapter, then a postscript to that era.

☐ Johannesburg: Rich white families took their black servants to polling stations to help them make a mark on South African history. They all voted together for the first time in scenes of racial unity in the city's affluent northern suburbs. *(Reuter)*



A white resident of the wealthy Johannesburg suburb of Houghton serving water to blacks queueing up to vote at the local polling station yesterday

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Disgraced President wins graveside respect and affection he had craved throughout his political life

'Silent majority' gathers to bid Nixon farewell

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ON THE day he was buried beside his beloved wife Pat in his native Yorba Linda, Richard Nixon achieved yesterday the respect and affection that he had craved all his life.

By early afternoon, in a remarkable display of feeling, about 35,000 ordinary Americans had solemnly filed past the flag-draped coffin to pay their last respects to the 37th President before last night's state funeral.

They had travelled from far afield to Mr Nixon's presidential library and had queued for up to seven hours through the night. Predominantly white and middle-class, these were the people, some of Mr Nixon's "silent majority", who had remained loyal when Washington deserted him.

Across the country Americans observed a day of mourning for the man who served eight years as their Vice-President and five as President, and who somehow recovered from the profound disgrace of Watergate to become an esteemed elder statesman. Then last night, at the funeral service, President Clinton led the tributes to a man he grew up despising for his conduct of the Vietnam war but ended revering for his wise advice on international affairs.

Significantly no foreign head of state travelled to California, but the 2,000 guests included delegations from 55 nations as well as all living former US Presidents and Secretaries of State, a welter of congressional leaders from both parties and surviving members of the Nixon administrations, including Alexander Haig, Henry Kissinger and James Schlesinger.

Just as remarkable was the presence of men who had little obvious reason to mourn Mr Nixon's parting, but evidently did. George McGovern, the Democratic presidential candidate he destroyed in the 1972 presidential campaign, was there.

And at his own request, so was Spiro Agnew, Mr Nixon's Vice-President who resigned in 1973 under an ethical cloud and with little support from his boss. So, too, was Elliot Richardson, who resigned as Attorney General in protest at Mr Nixon's dismissal of Archibald Cox, the Watergate special prosecutor.

Others invited included Charles Colson, the former special counsel who was subsequently imprisoned for his Watergate misdeeds and now heads a ministry for prison inmates. The evangelist Billy Graham conducted the funeral service before Mr Nixon was buried beneath an oak tree near the little wooden bungalow in which one of the 20th-century's most polarising and complex men was born 81 years ago.

☐ **Peking:** Chinese leaders sent wreaths and messages of condolence to the American Embassy here. Qian Qichen, the Foreign Minister, and Luo Gan, State Councillor, stood in silence for a moment while facing a small photograph of the former president Nixon on a wall in the ambassador's residence.

Mr Qian wrote in a condolence book: "Mr Nixon, when he was United States President, opened the door to Chinese-US relations, making a historical contribution. I want to express my heartfelt sorrow on Mr Nixon's death."

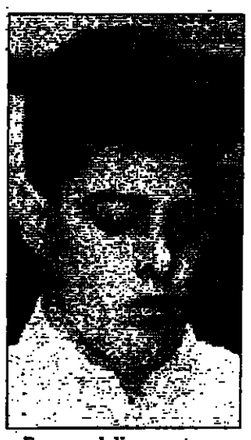
President Jiang Zemin and Li Peng, the Prime Minister who is on a Central Asian tour, sent wreaths to the embassy with messages of sorrow. *(AP)*

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PRESIDENT Clinton, facing domestic and international criticism for his conduct of US foreign policy, will hold an unprecedented "global news conference" next Tuesday to try to counter the view that he cares only about America's problems (Martin Fletcher writes). He will open the event in Atlanta, Georgia, by explaining the "pillars" of his foreign policy, and will then take questions on a CNN link from Bosnia, South Korea, Israel and South Africa.



Tricia Cox being escorted by her husband and Reverend Billy Graham, right, into the presidential library in Yorba Linda, California, where her father, Richard Nixon, lay in state. More than 35,000 people filed past the coffin



Fay: vandalism sentence

'Authority at stake' in Singapore caning case

Singapore: George Yeo, the Information Minister here, said in an interview yesterday that the government would lose its moral authority if it spared the rod in the case of Michael Fay, the American teenager who is to be caned for vandalism (James Pringle writes)... Janet Daley, page 18

Gaza police

Gaza City: Israel will hand the five main police stations in the Gaza Strip, with the Strip's criminal records, to the PLO next Tuesday. Palestinian officials said yesterday. A Palestinian police force is to take over in the Strip and in Jericho. *(AFP)*

Tests may stop

Alma-Ata: Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, said Peking might stop testing nuclear weapons by 1996. In London, the Verification Technology Information Centre said it expected China to perform two underground tests this year. *(Reuter)*

Boys survive

Nagoya: Three young boys were among the nine passengers who survived the China Airlines Airbus crash at the airport here in which 262 people died this week. The airline's vice-president said there may have been negligence over safety. *(Reuter)*

Parties gain

Rabat: Centre-right parties maintained a relative majority in Morocco's 333-seat parliament after by-elections. The opposition strength rose from 118 to 125. None of the parties is represented in Muhammad Karim Lamrani's government. *(Reuter)*

Cabinet hitch

Tokyo: Emperor Akihito will swear in Tsutomu Hata as Japan's new Prime Minister today without the appointment of a Cabinet because of the failure of coalition party leaders to reach agreement on a list of ministers. *(AFP)*

Clue on a plate

Kansas City: Jack T. Morgan has been arrested for severely injuring June Aurelio with his car near here. They found him because part of his car number plate was imprinted on her trouser leg. *(AP)*

Indian child slaves stage march

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ALWAR, RAJASTHAN

FORTY-three children, all former slaves, reached the last stage of a 3,000-mile journey through India in an unprecedented appeal to the nation's conscience. All had been beaten, some tortured, before they were rescued, and bore the scars to prove it.

Not that this group was unique; the South Asian Coalition on Child Servitude, which organised the procession, estimates the number of children in servitude at 55 million. Brutality is routine in the industries that children dominate, including carpet-weaving, match-making, firework manufacture, bangle production, leather tanning and glass-making.

The procession started on April 1 at the southern tip of India and zig-zagged through the country to regions where children are employed in large numbers. The objective was to raise public awareness of the problem. The march cost 400,000 rupees (£8,770), mostly supplied by foreign donors.

Germany has just given a high award to Kailash Satyarthi, the organisation's leader, a Brahmin so appalled by caste discrimination that he dropped his former name, Sharma, which denotes his high caste. He is almost unique among Brahmins in sharing food with Untouchables, now commonly known as Dalits (the oppressed).

The children, aged seven to 14, slept in temples and other makeshift accommodation throughout the journey. They all live in slums. Many were sold into slavery by their parents; others were seized by employers to pay off parents' debts. The majority, however, were ordered by their fathers to work for ruthless employers to supplement meagre incomes.

Once employed, escape is rare. Wages are never more than four rupees (nine pence) a day, usually for a 12-hour shift with a brief break for lunch, which the children must supply from their wages. Munish Waram, a 12-year-old who worked in a match factory in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu, from 8 am to 8 pm six days a week, said he was beaten almost daily by his master for not paying attention or for talking. A voluntary organisation freed him.

His right foot shows the scars of torture. The master hit him with an iron bar and blood gushed from the wound. "He put some match chemicals on to the wound and set fire to it. It makes the wound heal quicker. I screamed with pain. I was allowed one day off work. My parents had to pay 100 rupees to a doctor."

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She saved the children

Libby Purves pays tribute to Eglantyne Jebb, the co-founder of Save the Children Fund 75 years ago

Behind every great British institution there lies a daft row. Save the Children — preparing to mark its 75th anniversary — is no exception. The row took place at its foundation in 1919, when some politicians expressed abhorrence at the idea of feeding Austrian children, "enemy" children who would grow up and fight back. George Bernard Shaw observed at the time: "I have no enemies under seven," and threw his support behind the new Fund.

Even without GBS, however, the odds are that it would have got under way, propelled by the strong mind of its founder, Eglantyne Jebb. She was one of those doughty late-Victorian bluestocking spinsters in the tradition of Florence Nightingale, born to shake the world out of complacency. She was ahead of her time in harnessing the power of the media: a year out of the Great War, she hired the Royal Albert Hall for an appeal; she ran poster campaigns, enlisted the Pope, took full pages in *The Times*, and toured the country summoning newspapermen to harrowing screenings of a short film about the famine in Russia in 1920. She got herself arrested for illegally distributing leaflets attacking the Allied blockade and harangued the court until the prosecutor gave a contribution.

She is surprisingly little remembered. Born in 1876, daughter of prosperous Shropshire gentry, she was one of the early women to take an Oxford degree, reading history at Lady Margaret Hall. She tried a teaching career, but her health gave way (although a notoriously bruising rider, she was never strong, and died young). Later she supported the women's suffrage movement, moved to Cambridge, and wrote a study of the city's poverty and a proposal for labour exchanges, working men's colleges and the raising of the school leaving age. They say that during this time she was unlucky in love, and rejected proposals all her life through heartbreak; which may be true. But pictures of the rangy, determined woman, the tone of her letters and the line of her subsequent career suggest that perhaps she was one of those



Eglantyne Jebb: "rigorously intellectual in approach"

women who consciously or otherwise always would have rejected domestic happiness in favour of action.

If Cambridge in 1902 had introduced her to poverty, a visit to the refugees of Macedonia in 1913 showed her far worse. She returned to England a pacifist, declaring that "Every war, just or unjust, is a war against the child". Ill again, she spent some war years in the Scottish countryside experimenting with living on sixpence a day, eating lentils, oatmeal, peas, turnips, potatoes and rice, and in 1919 travelled to Austria, where things were as bad as she had feared. Within a year, she and her sister had set up Save the Children Fund to distribute emergency relief.

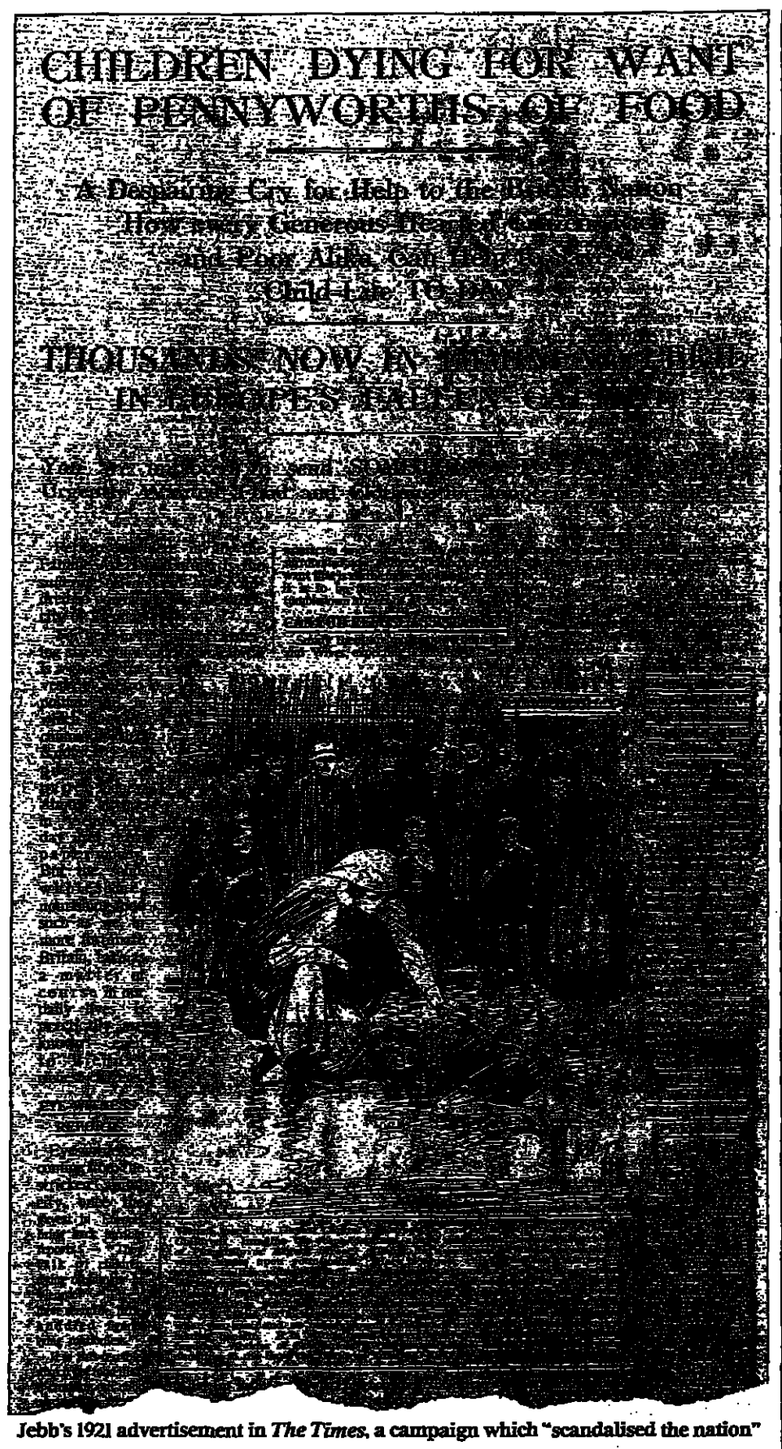
Her methods, according to the charity's archivist, Rodney Breen, were highly modern. "She surrounded herself with professionals, and believed in researching a need properly before you went in; she thought a charity should be run like a business. She kept an eye on the details: she once said that it was sometimes better to give children boots than food, because without boots they couldn't reach the feeding-stations." This practicality masked a direct emotional response: Mr Breen quotes a letter where she says that sometimes, on a bridge or a high building, she heard voices of despair telling her to throw herself off because she could never do all that needed doing. "But she seems to have pulled herself together pretty quickly."

Indeed. The first year's campaigning raised £400,000, £8 million in today's money. But her instincts were far from the conventional ones of a Lady Bountiful, out to distribute largesse and whisk children into model orphanages: she remained rigorously intellectual in her approach, an original and determined humanitarian thinker. Save the Children was advanced in its emphasis on helping the starving to help themselves, and on assisting children through their families. By the end of her life she was looking further abroad, to the needs of Africa.

In 1923 she broke new ground, writing a document setting out five basic international guidelines on the rights of children. "It's remarkably concise," says Mr Breen. "She did not intend it as a piece of poetry but as a mission statement." It was adopted by the League of Nations as the declaration on children's rights, and is visible today in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (although the UN, naturally, takes longer to say it).

She died in 1928, aged 52. Save the Children is still recognisably hers, not only in its principles but in its determined use of media. The woman who scandalised the nation by splashing European famine across paid pages of *The Times* in 1920, who used the shock value of film and hijacked her own trial as a PR platform would be delighted — is, indeed, probably chuckling in her grave — at the stir of controversy caused by the Princess Royal's TV commercial. Another coup for Eglantyne; another morsel of comfort for the children, worldwide, who are nobody's enemies.

● *Donations to Save the Children's 75th birthday appeal: 24-hour credit card hotline: 081-201 7575*



Jebb's 1921 advertisement in *The Times*, a campaign which "scandalised the nation"

How Camden beat apartheid

Michael Hornsby on the end of the great long-distance struggle

As millions of blacks vote for the first time in South Africa, an era is also coming to an end at 13 Mandela Street, Camden Town, north-west London. At this nondescript address, wedged between the graffiti and lock-up garages, the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM) is quietly winding up its affairs.

Founded in 1959, the year before the Sharpeville massacre, AAM was for more than 30 years the body which kept the world's gaze fixed on the horrors of apartheid, campaigning for arms embargos and economic sanctions and flushing out companies with South African investments.

At its peak the organisation had 25,000 paid-up members and more than 200 local support groups, providing an emotional focus for a whole generation of young whites, from hard-left activists to liberal do-gooders, for whom apartheid was the defining moral and political issue.

> 'I think we had real influence and we helped to bring about change'

At an extraordinary general meeting in June, the AAM will go into voluntary liquidation. Mike Terry, aged 46, the organisation's executive director for the past 19 years, said: "I think we had real influence — particularly in promoting the boycott of South African goods — and we helped bring about change.

"There may be a new role for the organisation, under a different name, as a pressure group lobbying institutions like the European Community and the World Bank on behalf of African and Third World countries, but that will be for others to undertake. I've got to do something else with the rest of my life."

Mr Terry, born and bred in London, taught at a mission school in Rhodesia in the mid-1960s for nine months before going to Birmingham University. As president of the students' union he became involved in the violent protests against the Springboks' rugby tour of Britain in 1969-70 and was briefly arrested.

The chief organiser of those demonstrations was the young Peter Hain, who for a while became the favourite hate figure of letters to the editors of right-wing newspapers. Had the dice of history fallen differently, Mr Hain might conceivably have joined the ANC resistance and be running now for election to the new South African parliament.

As it is, he is the Labour MP for Neath in West Glamorgan, and is spending a week in South Africa as one of the foreign parliamentarians observing the elections for the International Electoral Commission. It is only the second time he has been back since coming to Britain as a 16-year-old in 1966 with his parents, who had been "banned".

"I returned for the first time on a secret visit in 1989 — I was then still a prohibited immigrant — to make a film for *World in Action*", he said. "I never imagined things would change so quickly. It is mind-blowing to see posters of Mandela up on walls in Pretoria. I admire de Klerk's courage, though I think he was motivated less by a moral change of heart than by the realisation that the game was up."

Mr Hain has never held South African citizenship, having been born in Nairobi in 1950. He says he never expected to be able to resettle in the land of his childhood and has no plans to do so now. The loyalties of some other whites who were forced or chose to leave South Africa during the apartheid era are, however, more confused.

Donald Woods, a former editor of the *Daily Dispatch* in East London, arrived in Britain in 1978 in a blaze of publicity with his wife and children after fleeing house arrest in South Africa. He had fallen foul of the authorities for befriending Steve Biko, the black activist beaten to death in a police cell in 1977.

The book he wrote soon after his escape formed the basis for Sir Richard Attenborough's film *Cry Freedom*. The bookjacket describes the family as living in "temporary exile" in Britain. Fifteen years on, and with all barriers removed, Mr Woods admits that a permanent return is unlikely, though "we are keeping our options open".

Mr Woods is in South Africa to report on the elections for the *Daily Express* and CNN and Sky television. "It is a very exciting time, seeing all the things that would once have been unthinkable coming to pass. Even the violence cannot detract from that. I am tremendously impressed by the calm determination to make the elections work.

"We now have British and South African citizenship and feel great attachment to both countries. I know I will feel a terrible conflict of loyalties when the Springbok cricket XI tours England later this year. I am afraid I shall probably fail the Tebbit test."

They parachuted in 1944, and they're at it again. **Julia Llewellyn Smith** reports

Old jumpers still fit

DAVID HALE will be 74 this year, but nothing will stop him plummeting through 7,000ft of Dutch airspace on September 17. Seventy other veterans of Operation Market Garden will relive their drop on Arnhem of 1944. Their average age is 73, the oldest is 84. One is blind, one has one leg, "and they are all deaf", says Sergeant Major Dougie Young, who is training the men at the Joint Service Parachute Centre in Netheravon, Wiltshire.

Why does Mr Hale want to defy common sense and step out of a Dakota aircraft? "Idiocy," he laughs in rich Welsh tones. "I saw some RAF Hercules planes flying over my bungalow on a beautiful, starry night and I thought 'I'd like to jump once more before I die'. Mind you I thought it was only the one jump at Arnhem. I didn't expect all this training. I'm not nervous. You get butterflies before you go up but then it's all fine."

Enthusiasm counts for much, but fitness is still a prerequisite for the jump. Each man needs a doctor's certificate, must weigh less than 15 stone and make at least ten jumps to pass for the day, when a medical team will be on hand. "Boxer shorts can be painful. Anything hanging is likely to get nipped," reads their advice manual.

The less fit will descend attached to an expert tandem jumper. "We've had some problems about this," says Sergeant Major Young. "The men sulk. They say if they can't do it themselves they aren't going to do it at all."



Fitness is still a prerequisite

The operation, which was recreated in the film *A Bridge too Far*, was an embarrassing defeat for the Allies. The veterans will be jumping to mark their dead comrades and to raise money for ex-servicemen's charities.

But many will also be enjoying the buzz. "There is an orgasmic 45 seconds, after you jump out of an aeroplane and your parachute opens, when you realise you have done a crazy thing and are still alive. You know that the risk factor is tiny, but if anything does go wrong you will almost certainly die," says Tim Meisel, 40, who jumped last year to "prove he could do it".

His jump was one of 205,000 made each year in Britain, as one of the 25,000 to 30,000 people who feel their life will be missing something until they have paid around £100 to hurl themselves into the void. For most, once is enough, but about 4,500 people are serious addicts, jumping in formation and alone, setting themselves such targets as landing directly on to a 5cm disc. The highest-ever jump was from 16.04 miles up, from a balloon in New Mexico in 1960; the longest-lasting took 40 minutes in North Carolina in 1956. Suzanne Rogers, of Northenden, Greater Manchester, fell in love with her instructor husband John when he calmed her nerves as they soared into the sky to make a 5,000ft leap.

Parachutes had been used for fun long before they became a life-saving device. The earliest reported jump was from a tower in Venice in 1617. A Frenchman, Garnerin, made the first successful descent over Paris from a balloon in 1797. In 1802 he landed safely in London, but in such a precarious manner that he left little enthusiasm for the sport here.

In America in the 1880s the sport became show business, when van Tassel and Baldwin began to tour the world, collecting a crowd of starry-eyed young jumpers for their circus. Some would descend holding the parachute by their legs only; one came down dangling by his teeth from a strip of leather from a leather bit, but at 4,000ft over Santa Monica, he bit clean through it.

The ripcord first appeared in 1908, but was not much trusted, as jumpers preferred to be controlled from the balloon they dropped from. It was not used from an aeroplane until 1912, and even when the Allies copied the Germans and developed parachutes for military use in 1918, they were all opened by a static cord from the aircraft.

But the fun is inextricably mixed with danger. All jumpers are carefully vetted medically but two or three die each year as the result of parachuting accidents. The Arnhem jumpers are an exception, in what is mainly a sport for the 18 to 30s. "But you can carry on jumping for as long as you like, so long as you have a medical certificate," says David Oddie, the British Association of Parachuters office manager.

The people in peril at Arnhem may not be the jumpers, however, but the Dutch onlookers. "There will be umpteen free-falling sets of false teeth. I suspect," Geoffrey Holmes, the jump's 74-year-old organiser said.

Valerie Grove interviews Caroline Seitz, wife of the popular outgoing American Ambassador to London

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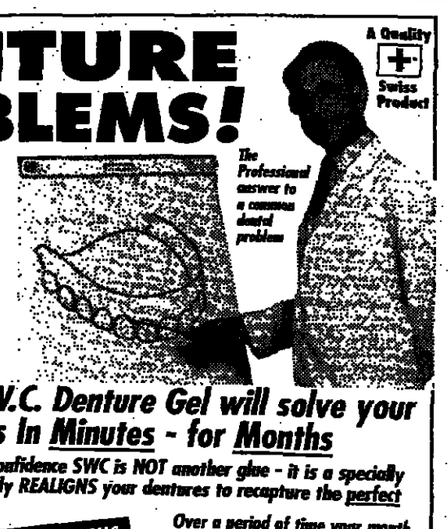
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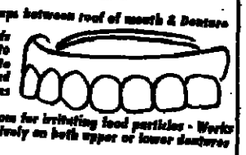
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Surgery hope for diabetics



DIABETICS suffer from their disability because their bodies are unable to control the blood sugar levels. The governing factor is insulin produced by the beta cells of the islets of Langerhans in the pancreas. If the disease is caused by a failure of the cells a transplant seems an obvious treatment. The hopes of the 750,000 British people who suffer from diabetes were raised when they read recently of the scientific research which had enabled American doctors to persuade the immune system of one 38-year-old diabetic patient to accept transplanted cells from the islets of Langerhans of a donor.

Previous attempts at transplantation over the past ten years ended in failure when the host's immune system rejected the graft, but in this case, the cells were encapsulated in purified algenate. The patient was able to stop insulin injections nine months after his transplant.

Pulse magazine reports that since the publicity about this case reached the Press, doctors have been questioned by many sufferers of diabetes about the possibility that they too might have a transplant, which would be a way to avoid the tyranny of daily or twice-daily injections, and spare them the possibility of suffering from a host of complications.



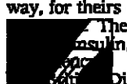
MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The American work is of scientific interest but it is not likely to be of direct clinical use in the treatment of the ordinary patient in either the hospital out-patients or the GPs' surgery. The treated American was already having heavy doses of immunosuppressant drugs as he had previously had a kidney transplant. It is thought that drugs of this sort would always be needed after an islet graft in order to stop the body rejecting it. Immunosuppressant drugs have side-effects, many of which are just as unpleasant as those associated with diabetes.

One possible complication which has not been discussed is that the insulin hormone-producing cells for transplant are obtained from corpses. For each single transplant eight bodies would be needed . Raiding the mortuary has led to grievous problems. For instance, the use of human growth hormone derived from pituitaries dissected in the post-mortem room has produced several cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the human equivalent of mad cow disease.

Transplantation of pancreatic tissue is likely to be a possible treatment only for the 10 per cent of diabetics who are insulin-dependent, usually younger patients. Type-two diabetics, the non-insulin-dependent diabetics are not likely to benefit in the same way, for theirs is a more complex



They display a resis- insulin, as well as having

Diabetic Association ys: "This experiment se of the encapsula- lls, but even if this particular patient hadn't already been on high doses of immunosuppressant drugs, it would be premature to suggest that it in any way provided evidence of a cure for diabetes."

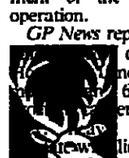
The big freeze

CANCER of the prostate is likely to become scientifically, and politically, as sensitive a disease as breast cancer was 20 years ago.

PSA estimation, a blood test, measures the amount of the prostate specific antigen present and thereby gives an indication of the likelihood of cancer being present in an enlarging prostate gland, and hence the advisability, or otherwise, of further tests.

One of the disadvantages of the PSA test is that it brings to the attention of doctors cases of latent cancer which might well have remained innocuous for the rest of the patient's lifetime. However, once discovered, treatment is inevitable, either with radical surgery, radiation, or castrating hormone therapy.

Radical surgery of the prostate is, unlike the routine trans-urethral resection recommended for the treatment of benign enlargement of the gland, a major operation.



GP News reports that Mr Gra- of the Whittington ndon, has treated 60 patients with er by using cryosur- freezing of the liquid nitrogen. The es troys the cancerous tissue and the whole procedure only takes 15 minutes; so far the recurrence rate, 10 per cent, compares favourably with radical surgery.

Ticks tackled

WITH the first warm day of the year, fair-weather country people have been out into the woods and walking through pastures grazed by deer, sheep, cattle and other animals. Inevitably a certain number will pick up ticks and with them, the possibility of catching Lyme Disease.

In the case of Lyme Disease, the initial inflamed sore, which may be very big, up to 50 centimetres in diameter, caused by the organism, a spirochaete *Borrelia burghdorferi*, is followed by a more widespread rash with smaller lesions. As the disease progresses, it is accompanied by flu-liked symptoms and later the possibility of neurological complications, including meningitis, heart damage and persistent or recurrent arthritis.

Treatment of Lyme Disease is with tetracyclines, in particular Doxycycline. Heavy doses for up to 21 days are needed. When tetracyclines are contra-indicated, as, for instance, in pregnancy or childhood, Amoxil, may be prescribed instead.

Success cannot be guaranteed with antibiotics but there is evidence that the earlier the treatment is started, the more likely it is to be effective. It is particularly encouraging that human trials of a new vaccine against Lyme Disease are just starting in the United States. Results are due at the end of next year but laboratory tests give hope that it may be completely effective.



Dangerous waters — plunging into the sea at a low temperature can cause problems for swimmers who are not acclimatised

The silent killer of the deep

Jeremy Laurance reports on the mystery of 'cold shock' drownings

The death of 18-year-old Jerry O'Toole was a tragedy that apparently defies explanation. A volunteer on the sail training ship *Malcolm Miller*, he fell overboard off Liverpool Bay at 7am on April 14. The captain reported seeing him on the surface, conscious and clearing the hair from his face, 20ft from the ship. Within five minutes he was face down in the water and apparently lifeless.

Why did a fit young man who was a competent swimmer drown so quickly when help was close at hand? The mystery makes the death even more poignant. Yet incidents such as this are not uncommon. Between 700 and 1,000 people drown each year in the UK, many of them young men and many of them competent swimmers. Many deaths occur within a few yards of a safe refuge.

Most young men and boys who lose their lives by drowning do so in the spring or early summer. Typically, a youth dives into the water to attempt to swim a distance he achieved with ease at the end of the previous summer — across a canal, a river or to a pontoon in a flooded quarry. Within a few minutes he gets into difficulties and drowns.

In the past, cramp, swimming too soon after a meal or exhaustion due to cold have been offered as an explanation for such deaths. Swimming in cold water is known to carry the highest risks and hypothermia — whole-body cooling — was thought to be the villain of the piece. But merchant seamen and trawler fishermen knew that men drown who have not been immersed long enough for hypothermia to set in. Clearly, something else happens.

Drowning is the third most common form of accidental death (after road accidents and accidents in the home), yet there is little research on how or why it occurs. The last full survey was carried out by the Home Office 17 years ago.

The survey showed that there are a number of stages of drowning. Most deaths occur within the first three minutes. Those who survive this initial immersion and last 15 minutes are still likely to be alive after half an hour. A final group dies during or immediately after rescue.

Such a high risk in the first few minutes puzzled Surgeon Rear Admiral Frank Golden, an expert on survival at sea who was formerly based at the Royal Navy air station in Culdrose, Cornwall. After 20 years studying the problem, he now believes it is linked with the gasp reflex familiar to anyone who has wandered into a cold shower.

"Sudden cooling of the skin causes an initial gasp reflex followed by uncontrolled rapid breathing, a very rapid heart rate and a surge in blood pressure," he says. "The swimmer takes a couple of strokes, the reflexes mount up and he just can't swim. "We think that what happens is that there is a mechanical relationship between swimming and breathing that makes it impossible to swim if the breathing is uncontrolled."

The gasping response, known as "cold shock", takes several minutes to abate but can be diminished by acclimatisation — regular cold water swimming — or by entering the water slowly.

Those who fail to take these precautions put themselves in peril, especially if the water is turbulent. In one widely reported case, a man whose dog had been swept off the promenade at Blackpool by a freak wave jumped in to rescue it. When he got into difficulties a policeman went to his aid. Both men were lost but the dog swam to the shore.

Research carried out at the Institute of Naval Medicine by Admiral Golden on students from the Universities of Leeds and Sheffield shows how debilitating cold shock can be.

Ten fit, fully-clothed students were asked to swim for ten minutes in a warm swimming pool at 25C, a task they achieved with ease. But when they were asked to repeat the exercise in water at 5C, seven of them got into difficulties. "That typifies a lot of the accidents that happen early in the season when the water is still cold and people are not used to it," says Admiral Golden.

Presenting his findings to the spring meeting of the Royal College of General Practitioners, Admiral Golden said that in a later experiment the students were told to hold on to the side of the pool for two minutes until their breathing and heart rate had settled down. They all showed a marked improvement in their swimming. "I feel these findings could help young people and the teachers responsible for them. The message is: wade in gently and don't swim out of your depth until you are used to the temperature."

For people who fall in accidentally, the best advice is to hold onto something buoyant or float on their back until breathing can be controlled, although in turbulent water this will not be practicable. A life-jacket should lift the head clear of the water and special protective clothing can reduce the cold shock response.

Failing that, the best protection may be cold showers, to improve acclimatisation. "There may be something in that old public school practice," Admiral Golden says.

Thyroid screening for the elderly would transform the lives of thousands, says **Dr Trisha Greenhalgh**

When grandma loses her zest

I have three photographs of my mother aged 40, 50 and 60 and looking, respectively, 40, 60 and 50. After I went off to university she became stooped, slow and generally uninterested in life. With the arrogance of youth, I attributed this to the onset of an age-related decline in her faculties and to the fact that my stimulating presence was no longer around.

Fortunately, a young medical student at Guy's Hospital noticed that my mother's face bore the classic features of myxoedema or underactive thyroid: a waxy puffiness, flushed cheeks, thick dry skin and loss of hair at the outer edges of the eyebrows. Within three months of starting treatment with thyroxine tablets she was back at work, studying for an Open University degree and riding her bike.

My mother was fortunate in that her myxoedema came on in her late forties — an age at which it would be indefensible for a doctor to dismiss her physical and mental slowness as just one of those things. She was referred to a specialist, who confirmed that the level of the thyroid hormone, thyroxine, in her blood was almost undetectable. Thyroxine maintains the body's basal metabolic rate (BMR) — the rate at which it burns food for fuel when the person is resting. The BMR determines, among other things, your energy level and how hot or cold you feel.

Overproduction of thyroxine (thyrotoxicosis) causes excessive burning of energy which leads to agitation, weight loss and thyrotoxic tremor — a constant fine shivering most noticeable in the outstretched hands. Overactivity of the heart muscle causes a fast pulse rate and palpitations. Full-blown thyrotoxicosis is difficult to miss. Sufferers pace about, throw windows open on cold days and talk nineteen to the dozen. The condition, which generally affects young or middle-aged women, is often diagnosed by friends or picked up when they attend their GP for something else.

Underproduction of thyroxine, however, is predominantly a disease of the elderly and may go undiagnosed for several years. The sufferer becomes tired and slow, gradually retreats from social contact, and becomes first housebound then chair or bedbound. A slow pulse rate and loss of strength in the heart muscle cause congestion in the blood vessels and leakage of fluid and protein out into the tissues, producing the phenomenon which gives the condition its name — myxoedema (bogginess of the subcutaneous tissues). Initially, the sufferer feels cold constantly but as the disease progresses this awareness fades. Whereas thyrotoxic people shiver all the time, shivering in the cold is conspicuously absent in patients with myxoedema.

> It is a major threat to elderly people living alone

A low BMR is a major threat to survival in elderly people living alone. Low thyroxine levels are present in about 20 per cent of patients admitted to hospital with severe hypothermia, and are also common in those found living in squalid surroundings suffering from self-neglect.

As medical students, doctors are taught that not all demented old people are incurable. Depression, anaemia, drug allergy, myxoedema and subdural haematoma (a blood clot pressing on the brain after a knock on the head) top a long list of treatable causes of confusion, memory loss and mental lethargy. But when called out to examine a sullen and uncooperative old person who is swathed in layers of dirty clothing and lying the wrong side of a sagging bed, the busy GP might be tempted to state confidently that the problem is senile dementia for which nothing can be done. At the very least, a seemingly demented person *of any age* should have a blood test.

UNDERPRODUCTION of thyroxine is usually due to damage to the thyroid gland. But one person in 5,000 is born with a congenital defect in the biochemical production line for thyroid hormones, a condition which leads to cretinism. All infants in the UK are now screened at birth for low thyroxine levels and, where necessary, treated. Thankfully, cretinism has become a textbook curiosity in the Western world.

Thyroid problems are a hundred times more common in adults than in newborn infants. Screening of adults for low thyroxine levels — by a simple blood test which costs about £8 — is now a standard part of many private medical examinations, and most hospitals perform the test routinely on elderly patients with dementia or lethargy. Universal thyroid screening in the elderly would give thousands of sufferers a new lease of life. In the meantime, if granny has lost her get up and go, why not ask her doctor if she has had her thyroxine level checked recently?



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Janet Daley



■ Why do we believe we have inalienable "rights" which no power on earth may transgress?

Are you outraged at the idea of an American youth being flogged by a foreign power as is about to happen in Singapore? If your answer is "yes" to that question, go on to the next stage. Do you object to other countries imposing corporal punishment *at all* — even on their own native inhabitants — or only on foreigners who come from countries in which such punishment is outlawed?

Some people would say that your answers to these questions are a measure of your racism. If you are not much bothered about what the government of Singapore inflicts on its own citizens but find it an intolerable presumption that they should cane a white Western youth — roughly the position taken by the Clinton administration — then you are guilty of double standards.

You might, however, defend yourself against the charge of racial arrogance with talk about human rights. This is tricky, of course, because the essence of arguments based on "rights" is the one which comes down to us from 18th-century social philosophy. That is, that civil rights are a kind of innate equipment — a natural, inalienable birthright as the United States constitution puts it — which must not be transgressed by any political power. By definition, those rights must be held — at least potentially — by everyone, even if they live and die without ever having had the chance to exercise them.

> Why should we export standards of right and wrong?

This is an odd idea, although our political culture is so steeped in the notion of universal natural *rights, that it no longer* seems so. You are born with a set of rights of which you may never even become aware (although rights are nothing if not concepts), and of which it is wrong for any government to deprive you. But isn't this simply tantamount to saying that you have an absolute *right* to exercise your rights? Or that we have no right to question the need for rights? Are you still with me?

But the circularity of the concept of universal human rights is not much help to those who argue as President Clinton is doing right now. What they must maintain is that *Americans*, wherever they are and under whatever rules they find themselves living, carry with them a package of inalienable rights which no power on earth may transgress.

But why should the nationals of one country be entitled to import their own standards of right and wrong, not to mention their own theories of effective punishment, into an alien culture?

The Koran preaches that the cutting off of hands is a proper punishment for theft and some Muslim countries still abide by this. But Muslims living in this country (or in the US) are not permitted to indulge in this practice. So what can it be that makes Americans special, apart form the enormous economic and military clout of their country? Only the moral superiority of their own belief in inalienable rights. By which terms, they ought to protest as much when native Singaporeans are flogged as when their fellow Americans are.

Yes, of course, I am playing Devil's advocate. I personally do not approve of *punishments which* cause extreme suffering and permanent mutilation. But I am not at all sure that it is as easy to make a case against what is happening to American Michael Fay, as *glib Western liberals* pretend.

Another test question for you: are you secretly (or openly) envious of a society which deals with delinquents in such a brutal but effective way?

If so, then it is not inconceivable for you to justify your own view on the basis of human "rights". You could, after all, talk about the "right" of victims and potential victims to be protected — in the most efficient possible way — from anti-social behaviour. As one Singaporean put it in a letter to this newspaper, her country is not in the habit of sending criminals "on a safari trip paid for by hard-working and law-abiding tax-payers".

Do benign, socially responsible citizens (Michael Portillo's *quiet majority, perhaps) not* have a "right" to security? And is it not the business of democratic government to vouchsafe that security as efficiently and cheaply as possible? Even if you don't agree, it isn't a wholly implausible argument, is it? What it is meant to demonstrate is that talking about rights does not, contrary to the assumption of the United Nations, guarantee a liberal or even a humane conclusion.

So where does this leave us? If you want to criticise Singapore for flogging either its own people or anyone else's, you have two kinds of grounds to choose from: one is that it is absolutely wrong to inflict great pain. Not because people have some spurious "right" not to suffer, but simply because cruelty is always wicked.

The other is that since Singapore regards itself as a democracy, it ought not to degrade its own civilised and competent people by beating them like animals.

Both of these arguments are more sound than some quasi-religious incantation of the word "rights".



ONE WAY TO DRUM UP ENTHUSIASM

Tory fortunes go west

Disillusioned supporters plan to use the European elections as a rebuke to the Government's incompetence

William Rees-Mogg

I have lived all my life in Somerset and can remember 16 general elections there. Conservative support is now lower than at any time in that period. According to the Gallup poll in last Monday's *Daily Telegraph*, the Conservatives are now running third in the South West as a whole, with 27.5 per cent. In a general election that would leave the Conservatives with only four of their present 37 seats. Today's *Times* national poll does little to alleviate the gloom.

Such a general election is hypothetical and some way off. More to the point, the poll would mean that all seven of the Conservative West Country seats in the European Parliament would go to Liberal Democrats in June, with Labour continuing to hold the Bristol seat. For some time, Somerset people have thought that this might happen. In May, there will also be heavy council losses, and the Liberals will win the Bath council, having already won the parliamentary seat.

The situation is worse for the Conservatives in the West Country even than it is in the country as a whole. The West Country voters are threatening to wipe out the Conservatives in the European elections and almost to wipe them out in the next general election as well. Yet this is a profoundly conservative area, more conservative, though not less rich, than the Home Counties themselves. It is a deeply rooted society; in many Somerset villages, half the people have family names which can be found in the parish registers since they began 400 years ago. The West Country has always had its farms, its traditional local businesses, its military connections, its quiet villas in which people have lived in comfortable retirement, its country churches. There is no part of Britain in which you can more easily reach out and feel that you are touching the continuity of British history.

How does such a conservative region come to feel so alienated from a Conservative Government which it helped to elect only a little over two years ago? We have not suddenly fallen in love with the Labour Party or the Liberal Democrats. Most of the complaints I hear from my Somerset friends and neighbours tend to fall on the Conservative rather than the Social Democratic side of the scale. They feel over-regulated: they do not like the new taxes; they feel harassed by modern bureaucracy. Both the Liberal and Labour parties have traditionally been more interventionist than the Conservatives, and no one expects to be freed from these harassments by voting for them.

I heard a phrase which seemed to sum up the underlying cause of this alienation: "They feel that nobody's batting for them." The people in the West Country who have always voted Conservative, but say that they are *not going to do so next time*, have ceased to feel that the Government is on their side. In the division of "we" and "they", we are the Somerset people and they are a remote London Government, no better liked for being seen frequently on television.

There is a gradation of disillusionment. The local Conservative members of Parliament are not particularly unpopular, certainly nothing like as unpopular as the Government. Some of them, like David Heathcoat-Amory in Wells, are what could be called "well-liked local members". It is the Government which is unpopular, and the Prime Minister is rather more unpopular than his Government. He is not disliked, but few West Country people believe he can turn the country around.

It was the recession which first undermined the Government's popularity. In theory, the recession reached its bottom two years ago, and the economy has now recovered to approximately the peak level in the first months of 1990. Yet the West Country judgment is that "we are not out of the wood yet".

A large number of people, including many Conservatives, are still considerably worse off than they were in 1990. Last weekend, I was shown round two good Somerset country houses which are for sale. One was on offer at £600,000 to £650,000; the other had an asking price £100,000 higher. Both, at the height of the housing market, would have had an asking price quite close to £1 million. What is true of fine houses is also true of cottages. Somerset Conservatives are property owners, or want to become property owners. Average family net worth is still well below its 1990 level, and many small businesses which flourished then have been closed many years ago.

The recession in jobs has eased a little, but it has not disappeared. Unemployment in the West Country is still quite close to double what it was in the late 1980s. In particular, it is hard for the young to get started in good employment at any level of opportunity. This seems to fit the national statistics. Economic capacity is growing at between 2 and 2.5 per cent a year; economic activity, apart from oil, is growing at only about 2 per cent. The slack is being taken up very slowly, if at all. The recovery still feels like a recession to many people.

The Conservative Party organisation has also been hit by the Lloyd's disaster. In the average constituency, there are probably somewhere between 50 and 100 Lloyd's names, of whom one-third will have suffered a little, one-third will have suffered a lot, and one-third will virtually have been wiped out. The electoral damage is trivial, but the personal anguish is very great, and so is the damage to the Conservative network, to the people who have held the constituency parties together. Many of them are far from rich.

As compared with London, the complaints about the National Health Service are less pronounced. We have excellent hospitals in Bristol, Bath, Taunton and Yeovil, and elsewhere in the West Country. We have very good primary health care, with group practices of an excellent standard. There are, of course, problems of resources and there is a threat to close a Bristol hospital, but there is nothing like the London fear that the NHS is close to collapse. The same is true of education: West Country education has its problems, but confidence in the system is higher than in many other parts of the country, and there are many good schools.

In the West Country, as elsewhere, people worry about the breakdown of social order. Crime has now spread out of the large cities into the smaller towns and even into the countryside. The new travellers are particularly resented, in a way the gypsies used not to be, and complaints about their behaviour, and their neglect of their children, are commonplace.

These problems do not fully account for the rejection of the Conservative Government in the West Country. The voters feel let down. Some of them do not believe that this is a Conservative Government at all. At present, Maastricht is a quiescent issue, but the refusal to allow a referendum has not been forgotten. If you ask my neighbours what their nationality is, they will say that they are English — not even British, but English. If you ask them what their next loyalty is, they will say Somerset, particularly if they live in the wretched pseudo-county of Avon. When they speak of Europe, they mean the Continent. They are not anti-European; they believe in trade and co-operation with neighbouring countries. But Maastricht was imposed on them by a Government which did not consult them, and did not care what they thought. Of course, the fishermen further south are far angrier about Europe than we are here.

Throughout Britain, people think the Conservatives have been in power too long, and that they have lost touch with the people who elected them. The people of Somerset know that they are putting a pistol to the Conservative Party's head. They will use the European elections to show what they can do. At present, in my belief, they are still too conservative-minded to blow the Government's brains out in a general election. In any case, they see the Liberals as incorrigible nosey-parkers, the sort of people who would report their neighbours to the planning officer for a minor technical infringement seen from the back bathroom window. They do not want to reduce the party to the state of the Canadian Conservatives, with two seats left in Parliament. But they will do something like that in the European elections, and would do it again at a general election if they felt they had to.

Lifting the lid on the Elysée

Charles Bremner on the scandal rocking France

The plot is ripe for Hollywood, even if Shakespeare trod a similar path and the end has yet to be written. A vain old king is eking out his reign, his power usurped by rival barons, when a courtier exacts vengeance by killing himself in a palace chamber. The suicide unleashes recrimination, exposes intrigue in the court and breaks the taboo that shields the secret life of the monarch.

Thus runs the Jacobean script enthralling the chattering classes of Paris, as two suicides and allegations of graft, dalliance and worse have come to haunt the administration of President Mitterrand, now entering its 14th and final year.

The French political and media world have long savoured the intrigues of the monarchical Socialist President while offering only titbits for the public about such things as illegal wire-tapping. M Mitterrand's hauteur as head of state shielded him from direct damage in the *affaires* over shady financing and contaminated blood which helped bring down his old party. The suicide a year ago of Pierre Bérégovoy, the just-deposed Prime Minister and old retainer of the President, switched the gossip machine into high gear, linked as it was with the alleged corruption of Roger-Patrice Pelat, a close Mitterrand friend. But it took the theatrical death on April 7 of François de Grossouvre, another presidential intimate, to open the flood-gates. A dapper aristocrat who long served as fixer and later as guardian of the President's secret operations, Dr de Grossouvre put a .357 magnum to his head in his office in the Elysée.

For months before, he had briefed senior journalists on his bitterness over his exclusion from the Mitterrand inner circle and on the high-placed villainy to which he claimed he was privy. He had told the left-wing *Nouvel Observateur*: "I do not want to be the scapegoat of the *fin de regime*. I know they are ready to make me carry the can."

Mitterrand had barely made his solitary and melodramatic appearance at de Grossouvre's funeral in a country church when the old decorum gave way in the media. The news magazines and dailies have reported on de Grossouvre's allegations that illicit money had enriched members of the Mitterrand court, including his son Jean-Christophe, who held a senior post, and M Pelat, who died in 1989 while awaiting trial for insider trading. They have also reported on Swiss bank accounts alleged to have been traced to the President. They have alluded to de Grossouvre's role, which he sketched last autumn to an investigating judge, in the purchase of a South of France house for a close woman friend of the President. They have also reported on M Mitterrand's secret residence at 11 Quai Branly, a discreet building on the Seine which serves as a grace-and-favour home for presidential favourites.

In America or Britain, the stage would already be thick with special prosecutors or libel lawyers but the Elysée has so far shrugged off the furore. M Mitterrand, who has almost withdrawn from public view since the election a year ago of the Gaullist-led government, has made it known that his old friend was suffering from delusions and the onset of senility. De Grossouvre's doctor has just contradicted the Elysée version, saying he had full command of his faculties.

If France had a more aggressive press, a spot of investigation might be enough to scotch the more sulphurous talk of corruption and death threats and confirm the Mitterrand circle's explanation that de Grossouvre's was suffering from dangerous delusions. However, the tales are being left to fester and that has been enough for the President's foes to go for the jugular. Philippe de Villiers, a right-wing MP, is denouncing "the biggest network of political racketeering that the country has ever seen".

Whatever comes of the de Grossouvre charges, the atmosphere of *lèse-majesté* in the aftermath of his death is heightening the sense of twilight settling on the head of state, who will be the longest-serving in the French republic. In an extraordinary portrait, *Le Point* depicted M Mitterrand as a "Pharaoh in a palace of enigmas, surrounded by blood and death".

The vision may be premature. M Mitterrand may be ailing with prostate disease, but he is the quintessential political survivor. He still has power to mould the future of France, if only by subverting the fortunes of his old foes: Jacques Chirac and Michel Rocard, the Gaullist and Socialist leaders, both of whom want to succeed him next May. The President is said to be obsessed with his place in history and determined that he will be remembered as the architect of a new Europe. His old friend Roland Dumas, the former Foreign Minister, has been quoted as saying history will remember François Mitterrand as an architect all right, but only of the Louvre Pyramid, the Arch of the Defence and those other *grands travaux* which he has bequeathed to the Paris skyline.

Tying up loose ends

EARL Spencer, master of Althorp and ambitious broadcast journalist, is highly displeased with the BBC. His lawyers have written complaining about a recent piece on Radio 4's *Loose Ends* which made light of a letter that Spencer wrote to his sister, the Princess of Wales, last year when she announced her desire to step aside from public life.

The *Loose Ends* piece, delivered tongue-in-cheek by Ned Sherrin, was a reference to a newspaper story which implied that Spencer was less than supportive about the Princess's decision. Spencer was not impressed and shot off a furious letter.

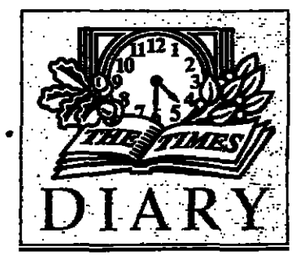
Since then, *Loose Ends*' producers have lived in fear of a writ arriving on their desks. So far, fortunately, none has. Nevertheless, the normally loquacious Sherrin is reluctant to expand. He does, however, recall that Spencer once did a piece for *Loose Ends* on the subject "of youth culture". He did not do another. Apparently he felt that the BBC had been taking him less than seriously. His departure saddened Sherrin, who says: "I greatly regretted that such a promising broadcaster did not come back to us."

Others doubt the wisdom of an aspirant broadcaster taking such a strong stand against the BBC. Anthony Holden, journalist and royal watcher, believes that journalists should not sue but concedes there is an argument for the royal family to do so. Spencer, of course, falls between both stools. "But if he's serious about his journalism it shows considerable chutzpah to contemplate suing a potential employer."

Time out

YESTERDAY may have been a day of national mourning in America in honour of ex-president Nixon. But it turned out to be a day of regret for California's teachers, who had hoped for a $20 million overtime windfall for working on while much of the nation took the day off.

On Monday the state governor's office was deluged with calls from financially aware school staff, prompting an urgent request to the White House to clarify the extent of official grieving. Back swiftly came the message: that's enough mourning, Bill. Schools, ruled the President, would stay open and not pay overtime.



"It was what we call a bummer," says David Neuwirth, a secondary school history teacher from Pasadena, adding with non-Nixonian candour, "not that I would have spent the day in mourning for Nixon. I never voted for him."

Bye bye buyer

NERVES within the Al Fayeds empire at Harrods are still jangling since the departure of its managing director, Peter Bolliger. For the Knightsbridge store is equally twitchy about the defection of its head buyer, Bill Christie, to Aquascutum — the favourite suitmaker to Margaret Thatcher.

By a strange coincidence, Harrods has announced it is to banish the Piccadilly-based group from its Knightsbridge store. "The concession which Aquascutum has operated within Harrods for some years has been discontinued," confirms a spokesman for the AlFayeds. He claims the decision coincides with changes on the first floor. "I don't think many Harrods staff are going to Aquascutum," he sniffs.

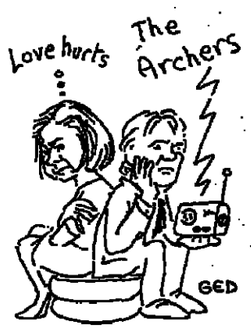
● *RICHARD Wilson, who once confessed that he stocked up sufficient anger to play Victor Meldrew in* One Foot in the Grave *by thinking about Margaret Thatcher, has recently declined an invitation to meet her successor at No.10. Wilson's polite refusal, however, had less to do with his famously radical politics than with rehearsals for Michael Palin's new play,* The Weekend, *which opens at London's Strand Theatre next week. But did the Majors believe it?*

TV starts to flag

PITY the hordes of media folk in Johannesburg who had promised their newsdesks back home a great symbolic event, akin to breaching the Berlin Wall, with the unfurling of South Africa's new national flag. For soon after midnight on Tuesday, when the act took place, the civic centre square was virtually empty — apart from camera crews.

What few South Africans that were still around were quickly recruited as "celebrating locals" by the TV crews, but it soon became clear that any serious partying was down to the media. Suffice it to say, they rose magnificently to the challenge. A Channel 4 cameraman now apparently boasts rare footage of presenter Jon Snow doing his own interpretation of the "twist", while Nicholas Witchell may or may not have captured the sight of Jeremy Bowen balancing a wine glass on his nose.

● *WHAT do you want if you don't want money? Well the Archers Addicts would quite like a 10,000th member. And now, having been politely rebuffed by Norma Major who pointed out she was already a member, they have one — actor and singer, Adam Faith. Hedli Niklaus, who plays landlady Kathy Perks, is positively breath-less. "He's a terribly nice man. He has been interviewed for next month's newsletter — the 'silage issue'. And he's not a member already. I promise we haven't slipped up this time."*



Rhyme with reason

NOT content with being rejected by 1,200 dons, Brenda Williams, who failed so spectacularly yesterday to gain a nomination for the Oxford poetry professorship, has started a protest sit-in. If the length of her previous sit-ins is anything to go by, the university will have to be very patient indeed.

Williams, a mother-of-two from St John's Wood who writes six sonnets a year, is incensed at what she sees as the clique of Oxford and London literati. As she sat down yesterday outside the university offices in Wellington Square, her husband, Barry Tebb, said: "She wants to point out how the professorship of poetry is just handed from one to the next. Outsiders do not get a chance."

This will be Williams's third sit-in. She warmed up in 1984 with a nine-month protest at Leeds University's decision to refuse her permission to study theology. The next year she spent five months in Magdalen quad after Magdalen College School refused to admit one of her sons.

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SMOKE OVER BRUSSELS

Does Major really not care who succeeds Delors?

Situation vacant: Chief Executive of international organisation, based in Brussels with a staff of 15,000. Salary, £160,000 a year tax-free. Job description: to extend the organisation's membership to Eastern Europe, shake the bureaucracy, dismantle legacy of restrictive legislation and promote competitive free market policies for jobs and growth. Post must be filled by June. Applicants: undeclared, with the exception of Sir Leon Brittan, who deserves the job but is unlikely to get it. There is an unspoken agreement on the board that British passport holders need not apply.

No moderately well-run company would set about head-hunting in the shambolic fashion with which the governments of the European Union are approaching the succession to Jacques Delors as President of the European Commission. Everything that is worst about the European Union is here on display: its contempt for public opinion, its penchant for mutual back-scratching in backroom deals, the unthinking acceptance of conventions, such as the notion that a socialist from a large country should be succeeded by a conservative from a small one, and the readiness of others to leave decisions to the Franco-German axis.

With less than two months to go before a decision is due, John Major airily asserted yesterday that the subject was well down the agenda of his summit with Helmut Kohl: it was not, said the Prime Minister, "a hot issue". He claimed that he did not even know the names of all the candidates, having heard "at least half a dozen names mentioned". Privately, Mr Major may have sought to fend off a disaster: a Franco-German deal which would foist on Europe the Belgian Prime Minister, Jean-Luc Dehaene, a machine politician of little intellectual weight and large federalist instincts. Herr Kohl's denial of any collusion with Paris in M Dehaene's favour points to that possibility. Mr Major's public display of insouciance could also be a cover: the embarrassing fact is that the harder the British Government presses Sir Leon's merits, the less likely he is to get the job. But it is irresponsible to act as though this appointment were so unimportant that Britain is happy with a spectator seat.

For the past year, Britain has in practice been prepared to settle for Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister. Mr Lubbers is in many ways a plausible candidate: his is an emollient and relatively undogmatic brand of federalism, and he is a committed Atlanticist and a free trader. He is a competent manager, rather than a visionary: for that very reason he would be more likely to see himself as the servant, not the master, of the Union's member states.

Both Sir Leon and Peter Sutherland, the former EC Commissioner who has just brought the Uruguay Round into port, would bring to the job the political eloquence and solid free-market credentials which are needed as an antidote to the Delors years. Mr Sutherland, in particular, has a vision of Europe that corresponds closely to that claimed by Mr Major. And while Mr Lubbers refuses to hint even in private that he wants the job, Sir Leon has had the straightforwardness to put his hat publicly in the ring and better still, to tell the public what he would do with the job.

European laws determine more and more about the way we live and the opportunities for British exporters in what have become their principal markets. The next chief civil servant of Europe will take over at a crucial moment, when public faith in "Europe" has been deeply shaken by an unpopular treaty and by the economic damage wrought by rigid adherence to the goal of monetary union. His skill in bringing together the two halves of Europe will be critical to the peaceful management of post-Communist turbulence. His political and economic outlook will have an important bearing on continental Europe's recovery from the most destructive recession since the 1930s. Mr Major says he has a clear vision of the Europe he wants: he should insist on an open field and a fair chance to the candidates most likely to make that vision a reality.

BRING IN YOUR DAUGHTERS

Today is for benign discrimination against boys

If an article appears in *The Times* tomorrow by Sophie Binyon, it will not be because our Diplomatic Editor has had a sex change, but because his daughter, along with thousands of others, is swapping school for the office. Today, Britain's first Take Our Daughters to Work Day, is designed to show 11 to 15-year-old girls that they can aim just as high as boys: that the world of work is conquerable by both sexes.

Some may ask why this should be necessary. The answer lies in the debilitating change that comes over many girls when they approach puberty. Research in America has found that while the self-confidence of children under 12 is only slightly greater for boys than for girls, from that age onwards girls experience a dramatic decline, twice as steep as that of boys. By the age of 16, only 29 per cent of girls agree with the statement "I'm happy the way I am", compared with 46 per cent of boys.

The lack of confidence is also displayed in their attitudes to school. As they approach adolescence, girls tend to start doubting their ability at maths and science, even when their work is as good as it ever was. The lowering of esteem eventually feeds through into lower achievement: only 12 per cent of girls win a grade C or above in GCSE physics, compared with 28 per cent of boys. This is particularly worrying because, according to the same researchers, those girls who thought they were good at maths and science also tended to be more confident in general and more likely to aspire to a professional career.

What happens to girls at this age? First they start to look around themselves, to read magazines, to watch adult programmes on television and to absorb the lessons that society seems to teach them: that women are less successful, that they are expected to be sweet, gentle and caring, not assertive, aggressive or ambitious. And for the first time in their lives, they find themselves being looked at. An American survey of 13-year-old girls found that the three most important things in their lives were how pretty they were, how shapely their body was and how popular they were with boys. When girls suddenly find that the most important thing is something over which they have hardly any control, it is not surprising that they lose confidence in themselves.

This change is exacerbated not just by boys in the classroom, who often intimidate their less assertive classmates; but also, probably unintentionally, by teachers. A study by Harvard University found that three out of four answers in class are from boys, and that they speak for twice as long as girls. Research by the American Association of University Women discovered eight times more interaction between teachers and boys than girls. And while teachers tend to challenge boys to express themselves better and to defend their thoughts, their comments on girls' work are more likely to take the form of praise for their neat handwriting. Everybody knows that boys hog the computers or science equipment, but this sort of different treatment is as invidious as it is invisible.

So if for one day out of 365, girls are given special treatment, boys should not complain. The hope is that at least a few girls will raise their horizons, will aim to become doctors rather than nurses, executives rather than typists — and diplomatic editors too.

SAFER RINGS

Boxing needs reform because it is worth preserving

Bradley Stone, a talented young boxer, lost the British super-bantamweight title fight on Tuesday. He collapsed the next day, and is now in danger of losing his life.

His doctor fears that he may soon die from a blood clot in his brain, the result of blows to the head. Predictably, those — including the British Medical Association — who advocate the banning of boxing will renew their crusade against the ring after this sad incident.

This crusade, although well-intentioned, is misguided. To ban boxing would be to misunderstand both the sport and the need of the hour. Of course it is bloody, and can be brutal: and even its most ardent admirers will admit to a certain ambivalence. It is in the heart of this ambivalence that the attractions of boxing lie.

Putting to one side the fact that it is a sport engaged in by consenting adults, is boxing more dangerous than rugby, rock climbing or motor racing? The answer is no. And do its methods defy improvement? Again, the answer must be no. There is a range of reforms that lie between present practice and abolition. Peter Hamlyn, the neuro-surgeon who operated on Michael Watson over two years ago, has suggested how boxing might come to inhabit that space. The British Board of Boxing Control (BBBC) must take his advice without delay.

Doctors at the ringside must be qualified in the skills of resuscitation: the prompt ministering of oxygen would reduce the damage inflicted. Ambulances must have identified the route to the nearest neurosurgical facility and be ready for action. Most importantly — for this is where the existing customs are least satisfactory — post-fight monitoring must be enhanced.

The latest tragedy might have been avoided had the BBBC ensured that boxers receive more than a cursory look-over after a bout. Boxers must be detained for at least an hour. Weigh-ins, which take place a mere 24 hours before a bout, must take place many days earlier. Boxers on the cusp of their category often dehydrate themselves as a device to lose those vital extra pounds. To fight in that state a day later is unwise.

Worryingly, the BBBC allows a boxer to fight again just 28 days after he has been knocked-out. This compares poorly with the World Boxing Council, which stipulates that a boxer must wait at least 60 days. A victorious fighter may fight again with barely a break: this, too, is not right. As Bradley Stone's case illustrates, damage is not often immediately apparent. The BBBC owes it to its boxers, and to those who rejoice in the their art, to ensure that the ring is a safer place. Boxing needs reform because it is worth preserving.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Education and prejudice in the law

From Mr Geoffrey Greenhouse

Sir, The difficulty students have in obtaining trainee places in law firms (leading article, April 22) can be explained by the explosion in the number of lawyers and the steep decline in educational standards. This is a problem facing the profession as a whole; contrary to the Law Society's findings (report, April 21), it has little to do with ethnic origin.

There are 76,000 solicitors on the Law Society's roll (I estimate that this number has tripled over the past 20 years and that it will double again in the next five) and there are 26,000 students enrolled and training for the profession. There are probably a further 35,000 students either studying law or intending to qualify as solicitors in England and Wales.

Each week this two-partner firm receives at least 50 unsolicited letters applying for the position of trainee solicitor or assistant solicitor. The majority have few of the basic GCSEs or A levels — perhaps 10 per cent have English or a foreign language.

Large law departments have sprung up at most of the new universities (former polytechnics). With a few notable exceptions, they take pride in a liberal interpretation of entry standards. It is not necessary to have a law degree in order to become a solicitor: any degree in any subject will suffice — and even that can be dispensed with.

Meanwhile, the huge number of students has meant that the Law Society has had to abrogate its right to set the solicitors' final examinations, which these can now be taken at various colleges. Worse, it will no longer be necessary to spend two years as a trainee solicitor at a legal firm or with a legal department to be admitted to the Law Society's roll.

It is now proposed that attendance at a Citizens' Advice Bureau or a similar institution will count towards this training period — the equivalent of a doctor citing his work with the St John Ambulance at weekend football matches rather than a housemanship as a contributory factor in his medical training.

I beg to remain, yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY GREENHOUSE,
Greenhouse Stirton & Co (solicitors),
1-2 Faulkner's Alley,
Cowcross Street, EC1.
April 22.

From Mr Graham Allen, MP for Nottingham North (Labour)

Sir, It is correct that we should be in full possession of the facts before passing judgment on the charges of racial or social prejudice in the legal establishment (letter from Mr Richard B. Mawrey, QC, April 25).

The following facts, obtained from my recent parliamentary questions, may be helpful. Of the 7,735 barristers practising in the UK at the beginning of this year, only 1,593 were women and 347 of non-white ethnic origin. Of the 638 top judges only 34 are women and just two are black and Asian. The educational profile of the judiciary is massively skewed towards public school boys who went to Oxbridge.

Some may argue that this tiny caste of people have the ability or the merit to do such jobs where others do not. Most, however, find this imbalance deeply worrying. This is particularly so when the next (Labour) Government will be looking to the judiciary to defend the written rights of individuals through an incorporated European Convention on Human Rights and a British Bill of Rights.

The legal profession and the judiciary must be open to change if they are to be fit for the new and onerous public duties which will face them in the new century.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM ALLEN
(Labour spokesperson on the constitution),
House of Commons.
April 25.

From Mr Neil Addison

Sir, Common training for solicitors and barristers (report, April 22) is to be welcomed if it is a truly *common* training which qualifies a lawyer for either branch, as is the case in most of the Commonwealth. However, a single fused legal training and a single fused legal qualification would inevitably mean that there would eventually be a single fused legal profession. The Bar remains adamantly opposed to that.

What is being proposed, therefore, is not common legal training but rather training in common: i.e., students will still have to choose to study for either the solicitors' or the barristers' finals, even if they can do them in the same university. At present the Bar qualifies about 800 students per year, but only 400 obtain tenancies. If universities offer the Bar finals course, I calculate that the number who qualify as barristers each year could easily reach 2,000. If there were still only 400 tenancies each year, then where would the remaining 1,600 go?

Merely increasing the number of opportunities for qualification as a barrister will achieve nothing if the other restrictive practices at the Bar remain unchanged. Fusion would be simpler.

Yours sincerely,
NEIL ADDISON,
5 Garsdale Road,
Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear.

From Mr I. T. Y. Tan, LLB

Sir, Your report today confirms what I have long suspected: that, as a member of an ethnic minority, my hard-earned second-class law degree from Middlesex University is apparently worth less than a third-class from Cambridge.

Yours (in growing despair),
IVAN TAN,
34 Sydney Grove, Hendon, NW4.
April 21.

Old boys to the rescue of Eton head

From Mr David Foot

Sir, Anthony Chenevix-Trench was headmaster of Bradfield College until my last two terms there. I find it extremely improbable that he should have become, at Eton, a savage beater, as the new history of the school by its vice-provost, Tom Card, apparently asserts (report, April 26).

I feel I can speak with some authority on this subject because, in an otherwise undistinguished career, the only school record I ever held was at Bradfield for the greatest number of "floggings" in one term.

I think I was caned by everyone who could reasonably have expected to exercise that discretion, including Chenevix-Trench. On a couple of occasions blood was drawn but not by his beatings. To the few of us who were in a position to form an objective opinion his canings were not to be feared, at least physically. Intellectually he was a more challenging presence.

I can recall a number of interviews with him, lasting several hours, in which he showed a real desire to understand my perspectives and debate the issues I raised. He was able to bridge the gap of trust which enabled me to begin to explore with him why I was behaving as I was. I know he resisted calls for my expulsion, calls which were heard soon after he left the school.

Whereas the attitude of others served to intensify my hostility to the system and deepen the anger in my heart, he came close to persuading me that there was some wisdom and humanity to be found in the adult world. I look back at him with respect and affection, which I still cannot feel for most of his contemporaries.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FOOT
(Bradfield College, 1960-64),
Frog Firle, River Lane,
Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
April 27.

From Mr Nard B. Camber

Sir, Mr Card's account of my old housemaster at Shrewsbury, Tony Chenevix-Trench, portrays someone vastly different from the man I knew.

At a time when beatings from masters, tutors and boys was the norm at Shrewsbury I was sent to his study on three occasions for a beating which was almost certainly richly deserved. After some discussion he would remove two sabres from the wall, throw one to me, we would fence (he was an expert swordsman) and the proposed beating would be forgotten.

His pronounced Oxford drawl could certainly be misinterpreted as slurred speech, but I never saw any indication of a fondness for drink. He was a very kind and understanding master.

Yours faithfully,
NARD B. CAMBER
(Shrewsbury School, 1954-59),
Yew Tree Cottage,
Cound, Shropshire.
April 26.

From Mr Martin F. Marix Evans

Sir, Some of us may not be surprised that the challenge of dragging Eton into the 20th century could drive a man to drink, although I do not believe it in the case of Anthony Chenevix-Trench. As to savagery, no man I have known was less inclined to it.

I had the dubious honour of being beaten by Chenevix-Trench while I was a boy at Bradfield. He treated me with decency and respect. I did not know, when sent to him, that the note I carried from my housemaster said that I was suspected of being absent at night to indulge in homosexual activities. He accepted my explanation that drinking beer and smoking cigarettes was the purpose of the jaunt, remarking that it was, while a breach of the school rules, a more gratifying activity, for "buggery is not only messy, but futile". The physical discomfort was temporary and he left my self-respect not merely intact but enhanced.

I remain, Sir, etc,
MARTIN F. MARIX EVANS
(Bradfield College, 1953-59),
3 Murswell Lane, Silverstone,
Towcester, Northamptonshire.
April 26.

From Mr Rupert White

Sir, I was beaten by Anthony Chenevix-Trench while I was at Eton quite deservedly (having been caught smoking), with great courtesy and not very hard. Afterwards one had to sign the punishment book.

Four years later my younger brother suffered the same fate for the same crime and subsequently found himself signing on the same page as I had done.

Chenevix-Trench can't have been *that* bloodthirsty.

Yours sincerely,
RUPERT WHITE
(Eton College, 1961-66),
21 Cleveland Place, St James's, SW1.
April 26.

From Mr John M. Stevenson

Sir, I was privileged to be taught by Chenevix-Trench for a year (1967-68) and I saw the skill with which he introduced the reforms which were the basis of Eton's present pre-eminence. That these reforms were not uniformly popular among the Eton establishment seems to be reflected in the malicious comment about him now in circulation that Chenevix-Trench drank excessively. In a collegiate atmosphere such a rumour can flourish without foundation but if there is any foundation for it whatsoever you may be sure that rumour will fast grow upon it.

I am one former pupil who remembers Chenevix-Trench with nothing but gratitude.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STEVENSON
(Eton College, 1965-69),
22 Old Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
April 26.

Women at work

From Mr Edmund Neville-Rolfe

Sir, In an interview for *The Times* (May 13, 1992) Julia Cleverdon, the newly appointed chief executive of Business in the Community, said that the tide had turned in equal opportunities for women in business. To test this claim, I have since been noting the proportion of male directors to women listed in the annual reports of the companies in which I happen to have shares.

The result is not impressive. In 17 large public companies, among the 159 directors only four are women, and of 53 non-executive directors only one. When daughters visit the boardrooms on April 28 (letter, April 26) it seems that they are not likely to be greatly encouraged.

Yours truly,
EDMUND NEVILLE-ROLFE,
179 Kennington Road, SE11.
April 26.

Bit of a wash-out

From Mrs Sylvia Disley

Sir, It is reported (News in brief, April 27) that "the barge that transported the Queen to her coronation in 1953 has been burnt by vandals".

As one of the millions who watched the coronation on TV I recall that the Queen travelled from Buckingham Palace to the abbey in a golden coach. It certainly rained that day, but not that heavily.

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA DISLEY,
Hampton House,
Upper Sunbury Road,
Hampton, Middlesex.
April 27.

Police productivity

From Mr Brian Beecroft

Sir, The report (April 16) of PC Bob Reeve's first arrest after he was moved from peaceful Tenterden to Ashford, Kent, suggests that police productivity should be measured by lack of reported crime rather than the number of arrests.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN BEECROFT,
1 Dalton Close, Orpington, Kent.

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Red Cross values

From the Countess of Limerick, Chairman, British Red Cross Society

Sir, Canon Eric Saxon (letter, April 26) complains of the British Red Cross Society's policy to stop organising official 'single-faith religious services. The International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement is and always has been a non-religious humanitarian organisation, committed to the principles of neutrality and impartiality.

Neither the Red Cross nor Red Crescent emblem has any religious significance. They are internationally recognised symbols of neutral humanitarian protection, upon which depend the lives of many Red Cross/Red Crescent workers and victims of armed conflict in all parts of the world, for example, in Rwanda, Bosnia and Afghanistan.

Certain BRCS branches used to organise annual Christian services of dedication. The policy adopted in 1991, to which your correspondent refers, was intended to reaffirm the original secular purpose of our movement and to seek to ensure that the public does not associate the Red Cross with any particular religion. It does not prevent the society from sending representatives to services organised by others.

Many Red Cross volunteers and supporters have their own private religious or other beliefs. However, when working for the movement they must adhere to its guiding principles, thus ensuring that it is open to everyone and can reach all in need.

Yours truly,
SYLVIA LIMERICK, Chairman,
British Red Cross Society,
9 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1.
April 26.

A common vision

From Dr Edward Smyth

Sir, Dr Brian Swynnerton's eloquent plea for "dynamic commanders and clear commands addressed to the whole Church and nation" (letter, April 20) contrasts strangely with your report (April 19) of the Archbishop of Canterbury's "defence" of the Church of England, as preferring to live with the "creative uncertainty" of blurred edges. He contrasted this with the rigid authority of a sect, which deemed its beliefs and behaviour "to have been received from God".

If that has become the Anglican position it is far removed from what the New Testament calls "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude iii). That has always been understood, by Catholic and Protestant alike, to form the basis of the Gospel of Christ.

The New Testament is pre-eminently about truth received from God and revealed in Jesus Christ. In this respect it is consistently a book of certainties without blurred edges. For example, St Luke, introducing his gospel, states that his motive for writing is to bring home to his readers "the certainty of those things which are most surely believed among us" (St Luke i, 1-4).

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD SMYTH
(Pastoral Assistant, St John's (Anglican) Church, Churt),
Sun Cottage, Churt, Surrey.

Ghost Club's outlook

From Mr Tom Perrott

Sir, Your report (later editions, April 25) of a split within the Ghost Club, leading to the formation of a new Ghost Society, should not be read as being a battle between the former president, Mr Peter Underwood, and the honorary treasurer, Commander Bill Bellars. It was simply the feelings of many of our members on questions of democratic authority which Commander Bellars was expressing.

For the same reason I had resigned from the chairmanship, having held it for 23 years, before the council meeting.

I have now resumed that office, and with so many members of the original council still loyal to the ideals of this ancient institution, founded in 1862, I have every confidence that under a more democratic regime we shall go from strength to strength, in spite of some loss of membership.

Yours faithfully,
TOM PERROTT
(Chairman, The Ghost Club),
93 The Avenue, Muswell Hill, N10.
April 25.

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Tories in Europe

From Mr Ben Patterson, MEP for Kent West (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative))

Sir, Lord Tebbit (letter, April 21) takes issue with the description in my recent paper, *A European Currency — On Track for 1999?*, of my colleagues as being members of the "European People's Party British section".

To clear this matter up once and for all, British Conservative MEPs belong, under article 5b of the group's rules of procedure, to the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats).

By the way, Lord Tebbit omits the question mark at the end of the title to my paper. Another "daft lapse"?

Yours faithfully,
BEN PATTERSON,
Elm Hill House, Hawkhurst, Kent.

Women priests

From Mr Stanley Downing

Sir, Somebody should warn women fresh from solemn ordination vows about these beaming photographs (latest example on your news pages today).

Outsiders could mistake them for complacent triumphalism.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY DOWNING,
8 St Leonard's Road, Exeter, Devon.
April 18.

Light green fingers

From Mr Robert Vincent

Sir, Although not a gardener, I have been told by those who are that the best time to take cuttings (report and leading article, April 23) is when no one is looking.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT VINCENT,
Dilly House, Wildhern,
Andover, Hampshire.
April 24.

From Mrs Maria Fremlin

Sir, My aunt, who would now be 94, firmly believed that a cutting would not take unless it was stolen.

Yours sincerely,
MARIA FREMLIN,
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Colchester, Essex.
April 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 27: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by General Sir Michael Wilkes (Adjutant General) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of General Sir Charles Richardson (formerly Aide-de-Camp General to The Queen) which was held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, this morning.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson.

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke.

Her Majesty was represented by Sir Robin Renwick (Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington) at the State Funeral of The Honourable Richard Milhous Nixon (formerly President of the United States of America) which was held in the Richard M. Nixon Library and Birth Place, Yorba Linda, California, this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 27: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 27: The Princess Royal today visited Staffordshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Mr James Hawley).

Her Royal Highness this morning opened Tamworth Probation Centre, Moor Street, Tamworth.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited St Editha's Parish Church, Tamworth.

Her Royal Highness later visited Tamworth Crime Stop Shop, Ankerside Shopping Centre, Tamworth. The Princess Royal subsequently visited Tamworth Ski, Ice and Leisure Centre "Leisure Island", Tamworth.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, this afternoon visited GEST Consortium Intervenor Project, Springfield School, Leek.

The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, later visited Kidsgrove Citizens' Advice Bureau, Claire House, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.

Her Royal Highness, President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, this evening attended a Reception showing the work of TRANSAID in support of Save the Children Fund at 80 Portland Place, London W1. Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 27: The Prince of Wales this morning received His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States (the Hon Raymond Seitz).

His Royal Highness afterwards chaired a meeting of the Windsor Design Sub-Committee at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon departed from Royal Air Force Northolt for Budapest, the Republic of Hungary.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince of Wales's Business Leaders Forum, addressed a symposium of the forum.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales's Business Leaders Forum, this evening attended a Reception followed by a Dinner given in his honour by The President of the Republic of Hungary (President Goncz).

Mr Stephen Lamport and Mr Allan Percival were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 27: The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, this afternoon attended the Annual Investiture of the United Grand Lodge of England at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2, followed by dinner at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2. Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of General Sir Charles Richardson which was held at the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea this morning.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon left RAF Northolt for Antwerp to attend a dinner in honour of Dame Catherine Tizard, Governor General of New Zealand. The Duchess of Kent this evening arrived at RAF Northolt from Antwerp.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 27: The Duchess of Gloucester this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Shaftesbury Society in Westminster Abbey, London SW1.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.



ROBIN MAYES

The model Heather Mills, who returned to work after losing part of a leg in a road accident, was yesterday named Outstanding Young Person of 1993 by the British Junior Chamber. Miss Mills, 26, earned £200,000 a year modelling swimming costumes and underwear before she was hit by a police motorcycle last August. After her leg was amputated below the knee she declared she was determined to continue her career and has now returned to modelling. With a realistic artificial leg, she also skis and swims. In recognition of her "remarkable resilience", the junior chamber launched a Heather Mills Special Award to be presented annually.

Birthdays today

Lady Helen Taylor celebrates her birthday today.

Mr P.T. Bateman, chief executive, Save and Prosper Group, 48; Mr Ian Beer, former head master, Harrow School, 63; Professor Hugh Bentall, cardiac surgeon, 74; the Earl of Breadalbane and Holland, 75; Mr Mike Brearley, cricketer and psychoanalyst, 52; Baroness Carnegy of Lour, 69; Sir Ivor Cohen, former chairman, Remploy, 63; Mr A.J. Colvin, Comptroller and City Solicitor, Corporation of London, 47; Commandant Elizabeth Craig-McFeely, former director, WRNS, 67; Mr Tony Ford, director, Crafts Council, 56; Dr Kenneth Kaunda, former President of Zambia, 70; Professor Nicola LeFanu, composer, 47; Sir John Leonard, former High Court judge, 68; Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, 70; Dr M.D. Longfield, former director, Teesside Polytechnic, 66; Mr John Madejski, chairman, Hurst Publishing, 53; Mr William Moodie, chief constable, Fife, 63; Sir Dai Rees, deputy chairman, Medical Research Council, 58; Dr Jeffrey Tate, conductor, 51; Mr J.L. Thorn, former headmaster, Winchester College, 69; Mr Garry Weston, chairman, Associated British Foods, 67; Mrs Helen Williams, former high mistress, St Paul's Girls' School, 56; the Ven Sam Woodhouse, former Archdeacon of London, 82; Mr James Wray, MP, 56.

Luncheons

Carlton Club
Mr Richard Ryder, Government Chief Whip, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club. Mr Giles Chichester, chairman, presided and Mr Mark Rittner also spoke.

English-Speaking Union
Mrs Valerie Mitchell, Director-General of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, and Mr Bruce Donald, director of branches and cultural affairs, received the guests at a luncheon held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mr Sheridan Morley was the guest of honour and speaker. Mrs Alison Wheatcroft, chairman, professional scholarships committee, presided and Sir Ronald Arculus also spoke.

Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers

At Stationers' Hall last night, the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers commemorated the anniversary of the granting of their charter by giving four major awards to young people aged under 25. These awards are made with the aim of improving their technological and managerial skills in associated trades. Mr P.T. Rippon, Master, presided.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker held a dinner last night at Speaker's House in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Portugal led by Professor Vitor Pereira Crespo. The Portuguese Ambassador was also present. Among the other guests were:

Mr Jacques Arnold, MP, Mr Stuart Bell, MP, Mr Derek Conway, MP, Mr Tom Cox, MP, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, MP, Mr Jim Cunningham, MP, Mr Quentin Davies, MP, Mr Derek Enright, MP, Dame Janet Fookes, MP, Mrs Teresa Gorman, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Dr Joe Hendron, MP, Mr James Hill, MP, Sir James Kilfedder, MP, Mr Andrew MacKay, MP, Mr George Mudie, MP, Mr Martin Redmond, MP, Mr Richard Spring, MP, Mr Paddy Tipping, MP, Mr John Townend, MP, Miss Maria Dachuna, Mrs Roberta Fox, Mrs Ana Gomes, Canon Donald Gray, Miss Amanda Hay, Dr Malcolm Jack, Mr David Ramsay, Mrs Kate Vineall and Mr Nicolas Bevan.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, President of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr Hugh Laddie, QC, Dr David Owen and Professor Chris Elliott also spoke.

The Dinosaurs Club
A dinner was held for the Dinosaurs Club at the Carlton Club on Wednesday, April 27. Sir John Loveridge, the Chairman, presided. Those attending included the Chancellor of the Primrose League, the Right Hon Lord Clark of Kempston, and Sir Michael Shaw, Treasurer. The Guest of Honour was the Right Hon the Lord Wakeham. Also present were:

Lieutenant-Colonel James Allason, Mr Daniel Awdry, Mr John Baldock, Sir Anthony Beaumont Dark, Mr Nicholas Bennett, the Right Hon the Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Mr Esmond Bulmer, Mr Eric Cockeram, Mrs Sheila Faith, Sir Philip Goodhart, Sir Victor Goodhew, the Right Hon Lord Gray of Contin, Mr W P Grieve, Miss Joan Hall, Mr Barry Henderson, Sir Michael Hirst, Sir Michael Latham, Sir Kenneth Lewis, Sir Robert McCrindle, Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Mitchell, Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Giles, the Right Hon Sir Peter Morrison, Mr David Myles, Sir Gerard Neale, Sir John Osborn, Sir John Peel, the Right Hon Sir Ian Percival, Sir William Shelton, the Right Hon Lord Stodart of Leaston, Sir John Stokes, Dr T Stuttaford, Mr Stefan Terlezki, Mr Peter Trew, Mr Paul Williams and Mr John Woollam.

Norton Rose
The Right Hon the Lord Goff of Chieveley was guest of honour at a banquet in Guildhall last night to commemorate the Bicentenary of Norton Rose Solicitors. The retiring senior partner, Mr Douglas Hamilton, presided.

Carmen's Company
At a dinner held last night at Carpenters' Hall, Mr E.R. Britt, Master of the Carmen's Company, presented the Carmen's Sword of Honour to Captain G.G. Wright, the VIVA Award 1993 to Thames Water Utilities for the London water ring main, the Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation Award 1993 to Balfour Beatty/AMEC Joint Venture for the Limehouse link tunnel, and the Royal Logistic Corps Safety Award 1993 to Longdin and Browning for the Clear Gone survey system jointly with WDM for the self-contained high speed road monitor. Major-General D.L. Burden and Dr I.C. Canadine also spoke.

Service dinner

Adjutant General's Corps
The officers of the Adjutant General's Corps dined last night in their Headquarter Mess at Worthy Down. Lieutenant General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, KCB, OBE, Colonel Commandant, presided. Mr J.M. Stewart, CB, Second PUS Ministry of Defence, General Sir Michael Wilkes, KCB, CBE, Adjutant General, and Mr John Reddington, QPM, Chief Constable MOD Police, were among the guests.

Memorial service

General Sir Charles Richardson
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by General Sir Michael Wilkes, Adjutant General, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of General Sir Charles Richardson held yesterday in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr Nicolas Adamson and Princess Alexandra by Major Sir Peter Clarke. The Rev Tom Hiney, chaplain, officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Dr David Say. Boy Cunningham-Reid, grandson, read the lesson and General Sir Michael Gow gave an address. Mrs Susan McDonnell, daughter, Miss Amy Cunningham-Reid, granddaughter, Mr William McDonnell, grandson, and Mr Jonathan Mansfield sang Elgar's *Ave Verum Corpus*. Among others present were:

Lady Richardson (widow), Mr and Mrs Martin Richardson (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Penelope Cunningham-Reid (daughter), Mr and Mrs John McDonnell (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Thomas Richardson, Mr Conrad McDonnell, Miss Constance McDonnell and Charles Cunningham-Reid (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Peter Schryver (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs Muriel Westropp (sister-in-law), Brigadier and Mrs Eric Westropp, Mr and Mrs Anthony Westropp, Mr Patrick Westopp, Mrs Jonathan Mansfield, Mr and Mrs Andrew Schryver, Mr and Mrs Michael Schryver, Mr and Mr Hugh Schryver, Mr Alan Ross.

Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Field Marshal Lord Carver, Lord and Lady Greenhill, Lord and Lady Hamilton of Dalzell, the Hon Mrs Rose Price, Sir Ronald and Lady Lindsay of Dowhill, General Sir Charles and Lady Harington, General Sir George Cooper (Order of the Bath) and Lady Cooper, General Sir John Stibbon (Chief Royal Engineer) and Lady Stibbon, General Sir Hugh Beach, General Sir Edgar and Lady Williams, General Sir David Fraser, General Sir Antony and Lady Read, General Sir William Jackson, General Sir Thomas and Lady Pearson, General Sir John and Lady Mogg, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Lee, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis and Lady Hodges, Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson, Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Hudson, Lieutenant-General Sir James and Lady Baird, Lieutenant-General Sir David Willison, Major-General Sir Digby and Lady Raeburn, Lady Gow, Sir Humphrey Prideaux, Dame Mona Mitchell, Lady (Peter) Marshall, Lady Hamilton, Lady Part, Sir Ralph and Lady Freeman.

Major-General F G Sugden (Lieutenant Governor, Royal Hospital Chelsea, also representing the Governor) and Mrs Sugden, Major-General G W Field (Engineer-in-Chief), Major-General R D Grist (representing the Chief of the General Staff), Major-General M E Tickell, Major-General I M McNeill, Major-General P C Shapland, Major-General and Mrs G B Sinclair, Major-General Ian Gill, Major-General and Mrs C B Pollard, Major-General R Whitworth, Major-General R L Peck (Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund and Colonel Commandant, Royal Engineers), Major-General and Mrs W Withall, Major-General and Mrs C J Woollett, Major-General O M Roome, Major-General John Bowring, Major-General John Page, Major-General L Scott-Bowden, Major-General and Mrs C J Popham, Major-General James Lunt, Major-General W M Broomhall, Major-General and Mrs A E Younger.

Brigadier Aubrey Miller (The Green Howards), Brigadier and Mrs Richard Cook, Brigadier H B C Watkins (Brassey's), Colonel E D Smeeden (Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers, Militia), Colonel J A Pharo-Tomlin (The King's Royal Hussars), Mr W B Harris (Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners Officers' Association), Mr Edward Firth (headmaster, Gordon's School, Woking) and Mrs Firth with Mr Brian Carlisle (chairman of the board of governors), Andrew Jackson (head of school) and Anna Wakeford (deputy head of school); Mr Desmond Chichester (Wellington College), Mr Peter Hall (ICI), Mr Robert Crawford (Imperial War Museum), Miss J Ruffles (British Red Cross), Mr Simon Vale, Mr John Redpath, Mrs Malcolm Ross, Major R A G Courage, Mr and Mrs Raymond Burton, Mr J Cunningham-Reid, Mr Maurice Keen and Mr and Mrs J Clarfelt.

Appointments

Martin Peter Allweis and Richard Purdie Lowden to be Circuit Judges on the northern and north-eastern circuits respectively.

Judge Newman, QC, to sit in the Official Referees Court.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.R. Caisley and Miss N.J. Harman
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of the late Dr John Caisley and the late Mrs Wendy Davies, and Natasha, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Harman, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr B. Christmann and Miss G.L. Thompson-Herring
The engagement is announced between Bert, elder son of Herr and Frau W. Christmann, of Berlin, Germany, and Gina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Herring, of Castle Eden, Co Durham.

Mr J.A. Fenwick and Miss F.J.M. Watkins
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr John Fenwick, of Fulham, London, and Mrs Gillian Fenwick, of Lower Swell, Gloucestershire, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Watkins, of Presteigne, Powys.

Dr M.A.T. Gilmartin and Miss C.R. Jarvis
The engagement is announced between Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Jarvis, of South Woodford, London, and Markas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kevin Gilmartin, of Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham.

Mr A.S. Jackson and Miss H. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs T.S. Jackson, Castle Cary, Somerset, and Heidi, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Harrison, Dollar, Scotland.

Mr K. Maloney and Miss A. Wright
The engagement is announced between Kieran, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Maloney, of Clapham, London, and Avril, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Wright, of Caversham, Berkshire.

Mr C.G.C. Oliver Miss M-H.C. Were
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.P.C. Oliver, of Great Hampden, Buckinghamshire, and Marie-Hélène, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L.P. Were, of London, SW6.

Mr P.A. Sanders and Miss S.J. Edge
The engagement is announced between Paul Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs J. Sanders, of Cuckridge, Leeds, and Susan Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Edge, of Mellor, Blackburn.

Mr A.W. Nicholson and Miss A.E. Mitchell
The engagement is announced between Andrew William, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Nicholson, of Benefield, Northamptonshire, and Anna Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Sampson Mitchell, of Woore, Shropshire.

Mr G.F. Rivaz and Miss F. Houghton
The engagement is announced between George, only son of the late Mr Vincent Rivaz and of Mrs Gillian Rivaz, of Alderney, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Houghton, of Wimbledon.

Marriages

Mr J.M. Griffiths and Miss I.M.E. Besley
The marriage took place on Friday, April 22, 1994, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, Mayfair, of Mr Mark Griffiths, son of Mr and Mrs John Griffiths, of the Barbican, London, to Miss Iona Besley, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Besley, of Wimbledon. Father Anthony Meredith, SJ, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Amy Griffiths, Sophie Besley, Sam Wylie and Thomas Besley. Dr Mark Porter was best man. A reception was held at 30 Pavilion Road, Knightsbridge, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr T.J.D. Sheffield and Miss A.C. Butterworth
The marriage took place at the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden, on Saturday, April 23, of Mr Timothy Sheffield, son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Sheffield, of Earl Soham, Suffolk, and Miss Alexandra Butterworth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Butterworth, of St Leonards, Hertfordshire. The Rev John Hull officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Susannah Oldham, Arthur, Philippine and Barbara Ballu. Mr Paul Mylvaganum was best man.

A reception was held at Old Bruns Farm and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Atlantic Council

Sir Frank Roberts and Jeremy Paxman have been appointed Honorary Fellows of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Windsor Boys' School at 3.30.

Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will attend the award's diary event at St James's Palace at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend the 21st birthday celebrations of the Winton Group at the Broomhill Stables, Fergushill, Kilwinning, Ayrshire, at 10.45; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a 75th birthday appeal luncheon at the Glasgow Hilton at 12.45; and, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend a council meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club at 5.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new Macclesfield library at Jordangate at 1.20; will visit the Stanley and Brocklehurst Court sheltered housing scheme for the elderly at Macclesfield at 2.05; and will visit Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, Hurdsfield Industrial Estate, Macclesfield, at 2.35.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Hospice of Our Lady and St John, will open two new extensions at Willen Hospice, Manor Farm, Willen Village, Milton Keynes, at 11.15; will visit Aylesbury High School, Walton Road, Aylesbury, at 2.15; and, as Patron of the John Grooms Association, will visit the Disabled Housing Trust brain injury unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital at 3.10.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Edward IV, reigned 1461-70 and 1471-83, Rouen, 1442; Lionel Barrymore, actor, Philadelphia, 1878; Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, Prime Minister of Portugal 1932-68, Coimbra, 1889.

DEATHS: Sir Samuel Cunard, shipowner, London, 1865; Benito Mussolini, Italian dictator, executed by partisans, Giulinodi di Mezzegra, 1945; Richard Hughes, novelist, Harlech, 1976.

Captain Cook landed in Australia at Botany Bay and named the country New South Wales, 1770.

Japan was allowed the self-government it lost at the end of the second world war, 1953.

General Charles de Gaulle resigned as President of France, 1969.

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BIRTHS

CALASCIONE - On April 23rd 1994, to Caroline (née Gambier) and Jonathan, a daughter, Hannah Louise.

COVELL - To Cate (née Woodwark) and Bruce, on 12th April, a daughter, Jennifer, a sister to Anna, Elizabeth and Rebecca.

CRANE - On April 24th at Llandough Hospital, to Timothy and Lisa (née Rowles), a daughter, Lily Victoria, a sister for Thomas.

DEWAR - On 25th April 1994 in Oxford, to Henrietta (née Barclay) and John, a daughter, Eliza Katherine Barclay.

FLOWER - On April 25th, to Julie (née Hamilton) and Graham, a son, James Christopher. Flores Curat Deus.

GALLIANO - On April 23rd at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Helen (née Tandy) and Victor, a daughter, Louisa Rosemary, a sister for Lottie.

GORDON-BROWN - On April 26th, to Deborah and Paul, a son, Milo Oliver, a brother for Maxwell and Liberty.

HENDERSON - On April 14th, to Joanna (née Cohen) and Hamish, a daughter, Flora Elizabeth Lamond, a sister for Emily and Cecily.

MINERVA - On April 22nd, to Claire (née Beckers) and Joseph, a son, Tommaso Giuseppe Angelo Rinaldo (Thomas Joseph Angelo Ronald).

RICHARDS - On April 11th in Plymouth, to Colin and Suzanne, a beautiful daughter, Frederica Anna Maria, a little sister for James, Sebastian and Josephine.

von KUHN - On 7th April at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore, to Jacqueline (née Soarkes) and Christopher, a daughter, Katherine Anne, a sister for Laura and Stephanie.

DEATHS

BEAUMONT - George, on 23rd April, peacefully after a short illness, aged 84. Much loved. Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 29th April at 11.45.

BEGENT - On St George's Day, Florence Margaret Begent, S.R.N. A Freeman of the City of London. A most loving wife, mother and grandmother whose care was always for others before herself. A wonderful, and a very brave, lady. Funeral at Waltham St Lawrence, Berkshire, on Saturday 30th April 1994 at 11.30 am. Flowers to 82 Farm Road, Maidenhead.

BENSON - On April 26th 1994 peacefully at the Saxon Clinic, Milton Keynes. Sheila Patsy of Fen Farm, Wavendon. Beloved wife of Edward, loving mother of Jane and Charles, grandmother of Emma and Camilla, sister of Lyndie and Twinie. Private funeral service will take place on Tuesday May 3rd. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Wavendon, at 2.30pm on Tuesday May 24th. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Riding for the Disabled to be sent to Messrs H.W. Mason & Sons, 9 High Street, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8AR, tel. no. (0908) 611112.

BIRD - On 26th April, Suzanne Katrine Bird (née Zeelander), aged 91 years, beloved wife of the late Bill Bird, loving mother of the late Michael Haigh-Lumby, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday May 3rd at 12.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to J. Corringe and Sons, 55 Hare Lane, Godalming, Surrey, tel: (0483) 416403.

FLOWER - On 26th April, Theo Daphne Flower, aged 90, at Kent and Sussex Hospital. Widow of James Ashbrook Flower, late of Ellerman & Bucknall Steamship Co., and last surviving child of Edwin Arthur Cade, founder of Ashanti Goldfields Corp. and beloved mother of Nicholas, John, Lynnette and Sarah. Funeral at Penshurst Church at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd May followed by private cremation on Wednesday. Family flowers only. Donations to Help the Aged, Broadway, Crowborough, Sussex.

GRAHAM - On 27th April, Ellen Valentine, died peacefully at Red House, White River, South Africa. Interment of ashes service to be announced later.

HAMEL-SMITH - On April 21st, peacefully at The Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, Constance aged 92. Widow of Lionel, dearly loved mother of Philippa (Kent-Lemon), grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Nicholas, Sandford Orcas, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd May followed by cremation.

HOPKINS - On 26th April 1994, Frank of Minehead. A dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. All funeral enquiries tel: (0643) 702066.

HOWARD - On Monday April 25th, suddenly in London, Peter R of Blackmoor, Hampshire, formerly Director General of CEGB. Beloved husband of Bunty and loving father of Suzanne. Funeral Service at Aldershot Crematorium on Wednesday 4th May 1994 at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to NSPCC. All enquiries to Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3HR. (0730) 262711.

INGALL - Jack, F.R.C.S., on April 26th 1994, Hemel Hempstead Hospital. Memorial Service, SS Alban & Stephen's Church, Beaconsfield Road, St Albans, May 5th, 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to Macmillan Runcie Day Hospice, Waverley Road, St Albans AL3 5QX or British Diabetic Association Research Fund, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD.

LATTER - Sydney, on April 22nd, aged 83. Sadly missed by Phyllis, Ralph, Lesley, Vaughan. Funeral at Leatherhead Crematorium, Tuesday May 3rd at 4 pm. Donations, if desired, to League of Friends, St Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey.

MACKAY-LEWIS - On Friday 22nd April, peacefully, Pamela Frank Menzies (née Pyne), beloved wife of the late Major General "Squirrel" Mackay-Lewis and mother of Jeremy and Jonathan. Funeral Service at St Mary's Layer Marney, Thursday 5th May 12 noon c/o W.H. Shepherd, Colchester.

McGLASHAN - On 27th April, peacefully at Ashley Grange, Edinburgh, after a long illness, Irene Margaret, wife of the late Peter McGlashan of Gatehouse-of-Fleet, Galloway. Daughter of the late Sir Maxwell & Lady Maclagan-Wedderburn, much loved mother and grandmother. Service on Saturday 30th April at 12.15pm at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, Edinburgh.

MILES - Dame Margaret D.B.E. D.C.L., on April 26th at Tywyn, Gwynedd, peacefully after her long illness. Private cremation at her request. A Thanksgiving for her life and work to be arranged. Donations if so desired to Parkinson's Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA or to U.N.A., 12 Whitehall Court, London SW1. Enquiries to D.H. Gabriel Funeral Directors, tel: (0654) 711091.

MOCATTA - Natalie Elizabeth Carne. On 26th April, aged 5 months. Deeply loved daughter of Charles and Stephanie and adored sister to Simon. Private funeral. Donations to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

RANDALL - On April 22nd peacefully in hospital after a brave fight against illness, in his 81st year James Anthony (Tony). Sorely missed by his wife Ann, loving family and many friends. Private cremation, family flowers only. Memorial Service at Christchurch, Watling Street, Radlett, on Wednesday May 4th at 2.15 pm. Enquiries and donations if desired to The Injured Jockeys Fund c/o Nethercott & Son, 20 Aldenham Road, Radlett, Herts. WD7 8AX, tel: (0923) 852899.

STEPHENSON - On 23rd April 1994, Beryl, widow of Brig. John Stephenson and mother of Alex and Nicki. Funeral Service on Tuesday 3rd May at 11.45 am at St Michael's Church, Weyhill Road, Andover, followed by cremation at Salisbury. All flowers and enquiries to Halcrow and Sons Funeral Directors, 6A Bridge Street, Andover, SP10 1BH, tel: (0264) 335256.

SYKES - On April 27th 1994 peacefully at home in his sleep, Lt. Col. Arthur Patrick, late 60th Rifles, in his 88th year. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service will be held at Holy Trinity, Lydham, on Thursday May 5th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired may be given to Lydham Church. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors W.R.R. Pugh & Son, tel: Shrewsbury (0743) 344646.

SYNNOTT - On 26th April, Barbara Rosemary of Marbella, Spain, widow of Jasper. At Thamesfield Nursing Home, Henley-on-Thames, peacefully after a long illness courageously fought. Mother of Christopher Barbary and grandmother to Katie and Tordy. Will be greatly missed by her large family and many friends. Cremation on Wednesday 4th May at Reading Crematorium at 3pm. Family flowers only please c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading, RG1 4DL.

TOLSON - On 25th April 1994, Jean Hamilton, known to her family as Ting, once of St Peter's School, Weston-super-Mare, most loving wife for 59 years of Geoffrey, very dear mother of Sarah and James and devoted grandmother of Duncan, Piers and Justin. Funeral Service at St Laurence Church, Holwell, near Sherborne, on Friday 29th April at 12 noon followed by interment. Family flowers only, please, but donations, if desired, can be sent to The Animal Sanctuary, Church Knowle, near Wareham, Dorset.

WILLIAMS - Derek, peacefully at Higham. Much loved nephew, friend of many. Funeral at Higham Church, Colchester, Essex, on Tuesday 3rd May at 11 am. Flowers or donations to Hunnaball Funeral Services, York House, 41 Mersea Road, Colchester, Essex.

ZORAB - Edward Crew F.R.C.S., of Southampton. Peacefully at home on April 26th aged 84. Beloved husband of Janet and devoted caring father of Richard, Susan, David, Charles and Sarah. Sadly missed by all who knew him. Private family funeral, thanksgiving service to be announced later.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

DAVIES:BARR - Delwyn Davies to Grace Barr on 28th April 1934 at Milnthorpe, Westmorland. Now Hartford, Cheshire.

SHELFORD:SCHUSTER - Corny and Helen married 28th April 1934 at New College, Oxford. Now at Heasmans, Chelley Green, Lewes, Sussex.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BUSHELL - A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of James Wentworth Bushell, Barrister of Hardwicke Building, New Square, Lincoln's Inn, will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel, Lincoln's Inn, WC2, at 6 pm on Wednesday 4th May 1994.

RAMPTON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Jack Rampton, K.C.B., will be held in St Stephen's, Westminster, on Wednesday May 25th at 11 o'clock.

RAYNSFORD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Captain Antony Raynsford, D.L., R.N., will be held at the Parish Church of Holy Cross, Milton Malsor, Northampton, on Thursday 26th May 1994 at 3 pm.

THOMPSON - Reginald Stanley. A Requiem Mass in thanksgiving for the life of R.S. Thompson (Headmaster 1952-65) will be held in the School Chapel on Saturday 4th June 1994 at 11.30 am. Because of the size of the Chapel, admission will be by ticket, application for which should be made in writing to The Headmaster, Bloxham School, Bloxham, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4PE before Monday 16th May when the tickets will be allocated.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

DEAR - Denis Mansfield on 28th April 1993. Many happy memories of a greatly loved husband and father. Peggy, Geoffrey and Anne.

GLOVER - Lancelot Linwood (Lance) a beloved husband and loving father. Remembered with love on April 28th your birthday, and every day. Happiness and togetherness always. Rita, Lynne and Jessica.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OBITUARIES

AIR MARSHAL SIR RICHARD JORDAN

Air Marshal Sir Richard Jordan, KCB, DFC, former Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Maintenance Command, died on April 24 aged 92. He was born on February 7, 1902.



DICK JORDAN was once said to have nine lives after using several of them during the Second World War. A staff officer at the Air Ministry during the Blitz, he once offered to take over a colleague's night shift, returning home for breakfast the next morning. He found the house a heap of smouldering rubble after taking a direct hit during a raid.

On another occasion the former test pilot from the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, was engaged on his own bombing mission over Germany when a large piece of flak smashed his earphones — leaving young Jordan unscarred to tell the tale.

But his narrowest escape was in 1941 when returning from a daylight raid over Berlin. Hedge-hopping to minimise the risk of being shot down, he ran out of fuel when just four miles from his base. Although the engine spluttered to a stop at 600 feet, Dick Jordan crash-landed successfully in Kent, to walk away from his bomber, still happily unscathed. Already mentioned in dispatches four times, his feat in getting back to Britain after dropping an experimental bomb load on Hitler's capital, now earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Jordan even survived a contretemps with Lord Louis Mountbatten when the latter was Viceroy of India after the war and when Jordan was commanding the RAF in the sub-continent. Mountbatten wanted to use a transport plane to ferry guests to and from an official party. But Jordan's aircraft were all heavily engaged evacuating isolated pockets of Hindus and Muslims who were in danger of being massacred during the violence which accompanied partition. He told the viceroy politely but firmly that his air crews had more urgent tasks in hand than taxi-ing high-ranking guests to and from Delhi. Jordan had to weather a storm of protest from Mountbatten's aides — but held his ground and eventually won the day.

Born near Worcester, the son of a well-to-do but non-practising solicitor, Richard Bowen Jordan rode, shot and hunted from early boyhood. His burning ambition, however, was to fly.

He went up in his first aircraft while he was at Marlborough. A light aircraft with engine trouble landed on the school playing fields and was immediately surrounded by excited schoolboys. Dick Jordan, an avid consumer of air manuals, helped the pilot repair the damaged engine and was given a free flight as his reward. His progression from Marlborough to Cranwell seemed almost predestined.

Jordan's early career was more than usually varied. Stationed at Calshot on Southampton Water, he flew flying boats so successfully that the station wanted him to stay as an instructor. But Jordan, less than keen, wriggled out of it and spent the years 1925-30 in India, patrolling along the notorious North-West frontier. After flying almost everything that moved while a Farnborough test pilot, he was posted to Aden in 1935, returning for a staff college course, followed by a spell at the Air Ministry.

He commanded Polish and Canadian bomber squadrons in the war and was decorated by the Polish government. He was also later honoured by The Netherlands after organising the air landings at Arnhem. He left India after partition to command the RAF garrison at Gibraltar, 1948-49. He then served as commandant of the Royal Observer Corps 1949-51 (acting as ADC to King George VI during the same period) and then became air officer commanding No 25 Group.

Jordan was the founding commander of 25 Group — urgently formed to run jet conversion courses for RAF pilots following a worrying sequence of fatalities as air crews struggled to adjust to new techniques. Jordan, who sat the course himself, took over a network of stations across the country and personally designed the group's crest, which showed a Vampire and a Meteor jet aircraft.

After spending 1953-55 as Director-General RAF Organisation at the Air Ministry, he moved to become commander RAF maintenance command for two final years before retiring in 1958.

When he left, his headquarters staff presented him with a large stuffed duck. "Duck" was his nickname throughout the RAF, a reference to his long back and relatively short legs. A cartoon accompanying the bird, however, also showed a duck with a number of its tail feathers missing — symbolising the diminishing command as maintenance bases closed during the process of postwar contraction in the 1950s.

Despite his sobriquet, Jordan was a considerable athlete in his youth, representing Cranwell at a number of team sports and playing cricket for the RAF in the 1920s. Douglas Bader was a member of the same team.

It was said that at the height of the Second World War, Dick Jordan would be hunting one day and flying sorties over Berlin on the next. He continued to hunt and shoot in his retirement. As a man, Jordan could not stand formality or pomp and was completely devoid of any "side".

His wife Monica, whom he married in 1932, died nine years ago and he is survived by one daughter.

DENIS PITTS

Denis Pitts, journalist and author, died on April 22 aged 64 following a heart attack. He was born on January 6, 1930.

IN THE 1950s and 1960s Denis Pitts was one of the legendary figures of the old world of Fleet Street. Strikingly good-looking — and with just a touch of loucheness about his dazzling blue eyes — he could normally be found propping up the bar at the entrance to El Vino in what was then the Street of Ink. During his golden years he ran the London end of a regional Manchester TV programme called *Scene at 6.30* for Granada — a job that seemed to make no extravagant demands upon him.

At first, the London segments of the programme were piped up from the Chelsea Palace in the King's Road, a theatre that Granada also used for producing plays and variety. Pitts was fortunate enough to be classified as a producer-performer, which meant that, in addition to his salary, he could stack up interviews with celebrities earning a £15 fee for each one. Eventually, however, his studio career came to grief when, having also stacked up rather too many glasses at lunchtime, he was ordered off the set by the producer in Manchester. Later, the London "inserts" stemmed more modestly from the basement in Granada's London headquarters in Golden Square — where the remote-controlled camera advanced and retreated alarmingly rather as if it were a Dalek. Here Pitts acted basically as "a greeter".

By then, however, the more glamorous part of his journalistic career was already behind him. A local reporter who had made his way onto the old *Daily Herald*, his work soon caught the eye of Lord Beaverbrook. The air of panache which Pitts always carried about with him fitted very well into the then image of a *Daily Express* foreign correspondent. Although never attaining the fame of, say, Rene MacColl, he brought off a number of adventurous "visiting fireman" assignments, including some resourceful coverage of Cyprus during the days of *enosis*.

At the beginning of the 1960s, however, he fell victim to a purge in the Black Lubianka and it was then — after a year spent editing *Lilliput* before its publishers closed it — that he turned to television. With his versatile gifts he was in many ways cut out for the new medium, although, by refusing to live in Manchester (as Granada employees, like *Manchester Guardian* reporters, were then expected to do), he never really established himself in the affections of Sidney Bernstein. He worked, however, in London on *World in Action* and *What the Papers Say* as well as supporting Michael Parkinson, who presented the show from Manchester, on *Scene at 6.30*. He later made at least three films for the BBC, though the one on which he had set his heart — an account of Marco Polo's journey to Peking — never got beyond the brochure stage.

He also wrote three thrillers — none of which, to his chagrin, hit the jackpot: the first one, however, *Target Manhattan* (1976), is at least readable. Perhaps his greatest triumph was to turn himself into a notable seaman — taking his skipper's certificate when he was well into his fifties. Armed with this, he took to sailing yachts on behalf of their owners to the Mediterranean and back and also built up a substantial practice as a freelance journalist writing in specialist yachting magazines.

For many years Pitts had lived in Wiltshire just outside Marlborough. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife, Adrienne, a son from his first marriage and two daughters from his second.



QUEEN ZEIN

Queen Zein, Queen Mother of Jordan, died on April 26 aged 78. She was born on August 2, 1915.



QUEEN ZEIN was an intelligent woman of strong character who nevertheless accepted the traditional constraints on Muslim female royalty and played almost no part in public life, while wielding considerable influence behind the scenes. In some respects her life was tragic, requiring all her undoubted powers of resilience. Daughter of the Hashemite Sharif Jamil Bin Nasser, she was a suitable match for Prince Talal, son and heir of Abdullah, founder and ruler of the Amirate of Transjordan, later the Kingdom of Jordan, and she duly married him to great public rejoicing in 1934.

However, Talal — a serious and sensitive young man — was estranged from his ebullient and extrovert father; he was also mentally unstable, becoming violent during his periods of breakdown, causing Princess Zein great distress. Nevertheless, when King Abdullah was assassinated in the presence of his 16-year-old grandson Husain in 1951, Talal's succession was enthusiastically accepted by the Jordanian people. Polite and conscientious in his duties during his periods of normality, Talal was extremely popular.

But this could not last. His health speedily deteriorated, exacerbated by the strains of office. After a reign of only 14 months, Talal was reluctantly declared unfit to rule by the Jordanian parliament and obliged to abdicate. He was removed for rest and treatment in Turkey, where he remained, dying in Istanbul in 1972.

King Talal and Zein's eldest son Husain returned from Sandhurst to take over the throne. The new Queen Mother remained mostly in Jordan. Although self-effacing, she played a role in insisting that when in 1955 King Husain married his second cousin Princess Dina Abdul Hamid, the new young Queen should perform her role in a more emancipated manner in harmony with the modern era.

Through the subsequent turbulent decades Queen Zein gave ready support and encouragement to the often troubled monarch. Her power was frequently exaggerated. When the more brazen visiting Western journalists asked the King whether it was true that he was under her domination he brushed the question aside with polite amusement. Although for some years now Queen Zein had been in full retirement, her death removes a significant Middle East landmark.

She is survived by her three sons, King Husain, Prince Muhammad and Prince Hasan, and by a daughter Basma.

LORD HUNTER OF NEWINGTON

Lord Hunter of Newington, MBE, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Birmingham University, 1968-81, died on March 24 aged 78. He was born on July 14, 1915.

BOB HUNTER, known by his second name of Brickie to his early friends, was the product of prewar Scottish education at George Watson's College and the University of Edinburgh Medical School. This more or less guaranteed that he would be a sound and dedicated doctor and an excellent teacher — and he was both of these.

Qualifying in 1938, he was soon in the Royal Army Medical Corps. In 1940, shortly after Dunkirk, he was evacuated from St Nazaire during a heavy bombardment from which he escaped unscathed. He later served in North Africa but then came back to England before D-Day to be personal physician to General Montgomery, whose attention he had already attracted in the Eighth Army. The two men must have had many qualities in common, for their relationship was friendly as well as professional. In acknowledgement of his services he was appointed MBE (military) in 1945.

After the war Hunter returned to Scotland to a succession of academic posts, mostly in therapeutics or pharmacology, in the universities of Edinburgh, St Andrews and Dundee. In the last of these he served as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, 1958-62, and was responsible for much of the planning and development of the city's new Ninewells Hospital.

His flair for administration and organisation led to his recruitment to many government and other committees — on Safety of Drugs (following the thalidomide scandal), Dental Education, Medical Administrators in the Health Service, and Smoking and Health. He also served on the Clinical Research Board of the Medical Research Council, the West Midlands Regional Health Authority and the University Grants Committee.

His report on smoking advocated the introduction of tobacco substitutes, and cigarettes containing these were briefly marketed some fifteen years ago. It is curious that with his pharmacological background he failed fully to appreciate the addictive properties of nicotine; the substituted cigarettes were a complete flop and must have cost at least one manufacturer a lot of money.

In the 1960s and 1970s a number of distinguished doctors came to occupy vice-chancellorships at various British universities. With his administrative experience, Hunter was an obvious candidate and he was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham in 1968.

The popularity of medical heads of universities probably reflected the competition for resources and power that existed in most seats of learning between the arts and science faculties together with the belief that the intermediate and less



determinate position of medicine offered the prospect of the unbiased refereeing of conflicts. In his 13 years as Vice-Chancellor, Hunter filled this uncommitted and impartial role admirably and helped the university through a difficult phase in its history.

The story of his initiation into the university is well-known. His arrival in 1968 coincided with the climacteric of student protest and, not because of anything he had done — rather, perhaps, as a warning shot across his bows — he was locked out of his office by demonstrating students. Bob Hunter clearly could not have encountered such egregious lack of discipline before, certainly not in his army career, nor in Scotland, where he had spent his academic years and where students "knew their place".

He dealt with the problem by applying that time-honoured and almost always successful ploy of setting up an external investigation and called on Jo Grimond to advise the university about ways to improve internal relations. This defused the situation and the Grimond report led to a number of more democratic but largely cosmetic changes in the structure and governance of the university. Throughout this period Hunter remained very much in control — calm, quiet, soft-spoken, good-humoured but authoritative. The university owed much to him for guiding it through the conflict with little real damage.

In a later affair Hunter was to demonstrate his loyalty to the university and its staff. The death from smallpox of a laboratory worker in the medical school gave rise to largely unfounded allegations of departmental recklessness and negligence. Hunter successfully repudiated the allegations and his supportive stance helped greatly to restore morale in a deeply demoralised medical school.

From 1976 to 1981 he served as a notable chairman of the medical sub-committee of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals and no one was surprised when he was knighted in 1977 and the following year was created a life peer.

Tall, slim and good-looking, Hunter was a rather serious man, even slightly austere, but he had a sense of humour — pawky, as befits a Scot, rather than ribald. He was a private person, somewhat aloof, spoke little about himself and did not easily engage in small talk or gossip. He aroused respect rather than affection from his colleagues, but this is how he wished it to be.

He accomplished much in his career, as a doctor and medical scientist, a teacher, administrator and policy-maker. His contributions to the House of Lords on medical matters were always well-informed, sensible and constructive and, as a result, they carried weight.

His wife Kathleen, whom he married in 1940, provided the support and companionship he needed during this long and varied career of service. She and their three sons and a daughter survive him.

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Dated: 21 April 1994
Malcolm Cohen
Joint Administrator

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Dated: 28 April 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R Jeffrey
Director

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THE HORRORS OF BUCHENWALD

ON THIS DAY

April 28 1945

The full horror of concentration camps was made clear by a report of an all-party delegation of MPs, who visited the first big camp to be liberated. Over the main entrance were the words Recht oder Unrecht — Mein Vaterland *(My Country Right or Wrong).*

Americans arrived 15 women were found in this brothel. The hut was one of those now used as transit hospitals for some of the worst cases of malnutrition. Many were unable to speak; they lay in a semi-coma, or following us with their eyes. All of them were in a state of extreme emaciation. The usual clothing was a ragged shirt, vest or cotton jacket, beneath which protruded thighs no thicker than normal wrists. The medical members of our delegation expressed the opinion that a percentage of them could not be expected to survive, even with the treatment they were now receiving, and that a larger percentage would probably suffer sickness and disablement for the rest of their lives.

The ordinary huts that we saw were lined on each side with four tiers of wooden shelves, divided by upright struts. In each of the small open cubicles thus formed, about 6ft in depth, 4ft in width and 2ft in height, five or six men had to sleep. Even in their wasted condition there was room for them to lie in one position only, on their sides. For bedclothes they had such rags as they could collect.

Many of the ordinary prisoners worked in a munition factory near the camp or in the quarries; these were able to obtain more than the basic ration of a bowl of watery soup and a chunk of dry bread each day. Some whom we spoke to paid tribute to the precision with which the RAF had bombed the factory.

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Accommodation at press of a key

By Harvey Elliott

■ Historic York is launching a centralised computer booking system to help attract even more visitors

A sophisticated computer reservations system linking hotels, self-catering apartments, bed and breakfast accommodation, caravan parks and camp sites into a central booking centre is being installed this week in York.

The medieval-walled city, which already attracts at least 3 million visitors a year, is determined to become England's leading short-break tourist destination. It is stepping up advertising in both North America and central Europe to ensure that it is included on more tour operators' itineraries.

More than 260 local businesses and commercial organisations have combined to fund the independent York Visitor and Conference Bureau which has set up the new booking system, called "RoomSeeker". Each member-establishment will pay about £250 for a terminal on which to log their bookings and send details to the main computer.

Visitors calling into the bureau's city-centre tourism advice centre or ringing for information can then be told at a glance what is available at what price.

The bureau is so confident that the system will prove a success that it is bidding to take over the city's two local authority-run tourism information centres. The bureau, headed by Paul Wells, its chief executive, hopes to hear this week that its tender to take over the two local-authority tourism offices has been accepted.

York, with a resident population of about 100,000, has only 4,500 hotel rooms. With 26 museums and attractions pulling in growing numbers of visitors, many believe this is insufficient to cope. As a result there has been a sharp increase in the number of holiday flats and apartments available.

One new development, Dukes Wharf — comprising 16 three-bedroomed apartments and three houses overlooking the River Ouse — provides luxury accommodation of five-star hotel suite standard but at a fraction of the price. A three-bedroomed apartment sleeping up to five people costs £365-£575 per week. The large kitchens and living rooms make such apartments particularly attractive to families.

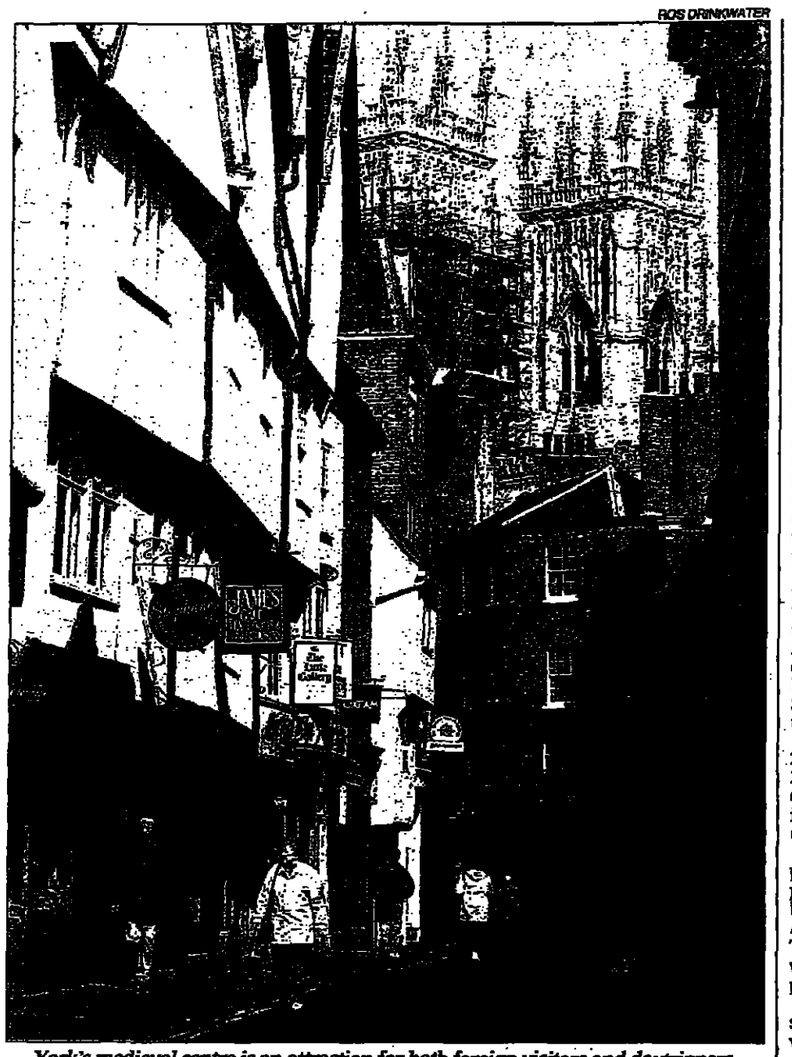
York has surprisingly few hotels in the luxury, or even four-star, class. Middlethorpe Hall, overlooking York racecourse is certain to be full during the racing festival between May 10 and 12. The elegant 17th-century house was recently restored. Prices start at £115 for a double room and a suite with antiques and four-poster bed costs £195 per night.

A three-star hotel such as the Monk Bar costs £110 per person for a two-night stay through short-break specialists such as Consort Hotels.

A quarter of all visitors to York are from abroad, with a rapidly growing number of Japanese. The majority of visitors are day-trippers, however, and the city is bracing itself for a possible fall in numbers over the next few months because of Britain's tax changes.

Mr Wells says: "All we can do is ensure that anyone who wants good accommodation at the best possible price can do so easily through our new booking system."

ROS DRINKWATER



York's medieval centre is an attraction for both foreign visitors and daytrippers

Beware the killing trade

By Marianne Curphey

Holidaymakers today found themselves confronted by pythons, lizards, frogs and a red-kneed tarantula as a result of a campaign to encourage travellers not to buy souvenirs which threaten endangered species' survival.

Other exhibits included animal and reptile skins, ivory and coral, and were assembled by the Buyer Beware! campaign, launched yesterday, set up in association with the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF).

A Customs & Excise spokesman said that an enforcement team had seized 12,853 items under the Convention on International Trade on Endangered Species (CITES) at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports between January 1993 and February 1994.

They included 1,400 reptiles, 2,500 birds, two monkeys, 2,666 plants and more than 6,000 accessories made from ivory; handbags, shoes and other goods made from skins.

The Buyer Beware! campaign, involving displays, posters, leaflets and videos, is backed by the former British Airports Authority (BAA) and Traffic, the world's largest wildlife trade monitoring programme.

A spokeswoman for WWF said: "The wildlife trade is worth up to £14 billion a year — a quarter of which is thought to be illegal — and the wildlife souvenir trade is estimated to be worth hundreds of millions of pounds."

The CITES treaty, designed to control international wildlife trade, has over 120 member countries. All 34,000 endangered species listed with CITES need permits to be brought into Britain, and to help travellers, the WWF has compiled a list of products which are banned under CITES but which may be on sale in certain countries:

- **Ivory:** Zimbabwe, Hong Kong, Greece, Sri Lanka, Thailand and many Far East or African countries.
- **Sea turtle products:** Greece, the Caribbean and Mexico; includes tortoiseshell derivatives.
- **Spotted cat furs:** Nepal; clothing and accessories.

WWF also recommends boycotting other products:

- **Coral:** Caribbean, South East Asia and Africa; hard and black corals are protected and require import permits.
- **Reptile skins:** all crocodilian species are protected, with trading banned in some; many lizard and snake skin products require permits.
- **Sea shells:** Philippines; several species have suffered serious decline as a result of trade.
- **Plants:** numerous species of orchid are endangered, all Mexican cacti and South African cycads.

Charter legroom

HOLIDAYMAKERS may moan about the lack of legroom on their charter flight to the sun this summer but they "just won't pay more" for more space around their knees, according to Britannia Airways. A spokesman says the 7.6 million package holidaymakers it carries each year prefer lower fares to paying for the legroom found on scheduled flights. "It would



mean charging about £10 a head more and, when given the choice of a few more inches or a chance to have a good meal out, they choose the latter every time."

Even its long-haul fleet of ten Boeing 767-200 jets will have a seat pitch this summer of only 29 inches between the 290 seats, compared with up to 33 inches when Britannia first took delivery of the aircraft. Then the jets accommodated only 274 passengers but, the airline claims, better seat design allowed it gradually to increase this, first to 282 and now to 290. Britannia does have mercy on those charter passengers flying to Australia in a 767, reducing the number of seats to 274, giving an extra inch. British Airways, which uses 767-200s on long-haul scheduled services, has fitted only 193 seats but they are divided into three classes. The 141 economy class passengers have a seat pitch of 32 inches, against 40 inches in club and 62 in first class.

□ TOUR operators will launch their brochures for next winter over the next few days and some good bargains can be had by those prepared to book now, as Thomson reveals with its winter programme launched today. The biggest cuts will come, however, in the high street as again the leading travel agency chains battle for market share. Lunn Poly and Going Places, the two biggest, both offer average savings of around 7½ per cent but tied to the amount spent. AT Mays is offering up to 15 per cent off selected holidays.

□ COUPLES are marrying later, but more of them are doing so and they are apparently prepared to spend ever-larger amounts on the reception. Jarvis Hotels, with 46 properties throughout Britain, says it has taken record orders for 1,000 weddings this summer. It says bookings for summer 1995 are already 23 per cent up on last year.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

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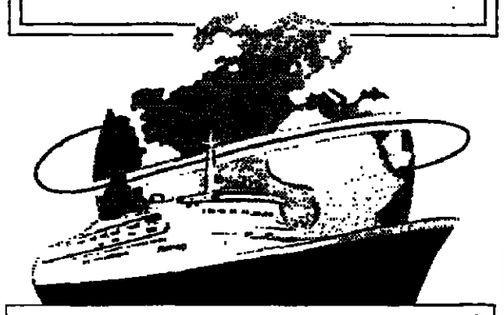
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Company 'taxis' direct to Europe

By Gillian Williams

The number of companies flying their own business aircraft has halved during the recession with manufacturers and users blaming wealthy "playboys" — such as the disgraced tycoon Robert Maxwell — for giving the industry a bad name.

The British Aircraft Users Association (BAUA) admits that just 0.5 per cent of companies now own a private aircraft but says its members are high-profile organisations whose shareholders see aircraft ownership as cost-effective transport.

Last week, manufacturers and brokers were working hard to revive the image of private aviation at the European Business Airshow in Lyon, southern France. Regional jetliners, new off the production line, shared the apron with helicopters and secondhand turboprops.

Derek Leggett, BAUA chief executive, says most association members are called on to justify aircraft ownership to their board or shareholders on a monthly basis.

The bigger savings are on point-to-point travel where a company has several factories or branches outside main European centres. There are 2,000 airfields in Europe open to business aviation and most are not served by the airlines.

Costs can be trimmed on trunk routes. A twin-engined Sikorsky S76B helicopter can pick up from a garden in south-east England and fly direct to the centre of Paris at Issy le Molineaux airport in an hour and ten minutes. The return journey costs £4,000 but the S76B holds eight passengers in seats better than on scheduled aircraft.

There are similar savings on fixed-wing aircraft charters. Air Hanson says it can fly seven people to Rotterdam for a total of £1,600 against the standard air fare of £275 return so there is a direct saving. But the greater advantage is time: arriving at a local airport ten minutes before the flight and returning without having to watch the clock.

Mr Leggett says: "There is great advantage in being able to fly highly productive people quickly to wherever you need them to be. The passenger could well be a highly skilled technician travelling with some vital piece of equipment," he says.

Rail and air flurry on the great north road

A price war has broken out on the key London to Glasgow commuter route, with airlines trying to protect their income against growing competition from railways.

British Airways recently slashed its fares — some by 50 per cent — in an attempt to poach customers from British Rail's east coast main line service. The airline says it will extend bargain flights in a "fierce fight" to lure people away from rail travel.

Travellers can now choose from fares which range from £4,000 for the hire of an executive jet for the one-hour flight to £25 for a return coach trip, which takes seven hours.

BA says most bookings for its cut-rate World Offers have been for leisure rather than business purposes as the tickets are inflexible: passengers must fly midweek in off-peak hours and must stay one Saturday night. No changes are allowed and there are no refunds.

The flight takes one hour 15 minutes and BA's World Offer return fare is £70 midweek and £100 at the weekend — compared with its unrestricted executive return fare of £224. The airline says that 861,000 people used the Heathrow-Glasgow Super Shuttle service last year.

Chartering a 10-seat executive jet is for business people who need the flexibility and for whom every second counts. More than 80 per cent of charters are for business purposes.

British Rail has fought hard to increase its market share on the route since it completed electrification of the east coast line and speeded up journeys to Edinburgh and Glasgow — which both take about five and a half hours. BR's Apex ticket between London and Glasgow costs £44 and must be purchased seven days before travel. The standard adult return fare is £126.

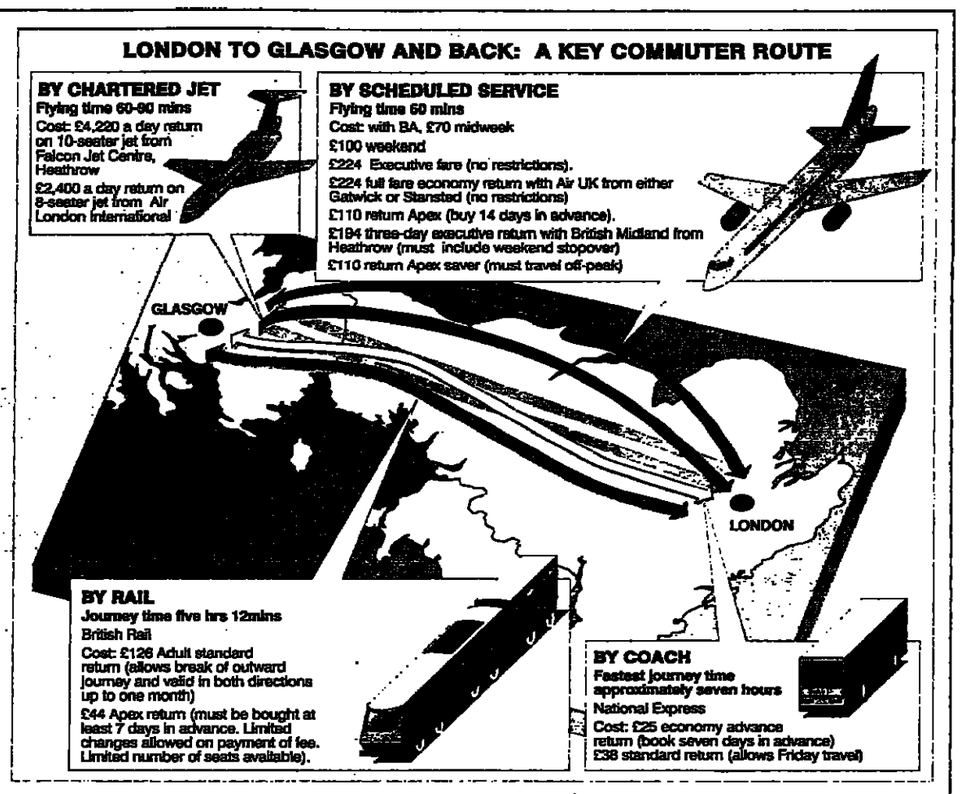
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A BA spokeman said: "It is a fierce fight. It is hard to compete with surface transport on short overland journeys. We win on the long over-water routes."

Paul Allen, chairman of the Guild of Business Travel Agents, said BA had to cut its capacity on the route because of the popularity of the new fast rail journey.

He said: "BR's new rolling stock and more comfortable first class carriages mean it is a real rival to the airlines. Companies now recognise that a little comfort means that their executives arrive in better shape."

Marianne Curphey and Tim Jones



Beach report worries island

THE Isle of Wight is bracing itself for a reduction in visitors this summer, after the Marine Conservation Society's announcement that three of its beaches failed to meet minimum water quality standards, *Gillian Thomas writes.*

Alan Larwood, a local businessman who has just launched a joint marketing initiative involving 50 of its guest houses, hotels and attractions, says: "Bad publicity knocks the island for six because tourism is such a big employer here.

"We already have 13 per cent unemployment — the highest in the South — and this will cost us hundreds of jobs. Yet it is not the islanders who are to blame, but Southern Water."

The setback came just as Isle of Wight Tourism was announcing its strategy for the next five years. This emphasises the fact that the island's economic future depends on attracting visitors — currently 2.3 million, who spend £175 million per year.

Geoff Le Page, who became tourism director in December, says: "We have to stabilise decline in our traditional market and develop growth areas like short breaks and second holidays. It is essential that the island is marketed as a whole. Because the industry is made up principally of small, often family-owned businesses, we see our roles as encouraging them to work together."

Isle of Wight Tourism is embarking on a £500,000 campaign to improve the image of the island. Research last year showed that 66 per cent of Britons had never considered a holiday there. The beaches criticised in the report — Shanklin, Ventnor and Seagrove Bay — were among 500 surveyed by the society. Only 71 came up to standard.

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Direct flights to fiords

BRITISH Midland, Britain's second largest scheduled airline, has launched a direct route to Bergen — the gateway to the fiords — in Norway. *Andrew Pierce writes.*

It will operate a daily return service from Heathrow providing passengers with a link to Norway's second city. The route was previously operated by Scandinavian Airlines.

For business travellers the service will complement the existing SAS return services via Stavanger to Bergen.

Mr Alex Grant, sales and marketing director of British Midland, said: "This is an important addition to our route network and is our first direct service into Scandinavia from Heathrow.

Bergen, founded between 1066 and 1093 by Olav Kyrre, the Norwegian king, was the capital for 600 years. In the Middle Ages it was, because of its harbour, a vital link in an early forerunner to the European Community, the Hanseatic League, a chain of European and Baltic cities with shared trading agreements.

The league's former buildings, a tourist attraction today, have been put on Unesco's world heritage List.

Bergen's modern concert centre, the Grieg Hall, is named after the town's most famous son, Edvard Grieg. Sightseeing tours are arranged to his home.

The hall has fine acoustics and is now home to Bergen Philarmonic Orchestra, which was founded in 1765. In May and June, Bergen holds an International Music Festival which attracts performers from all over the world.

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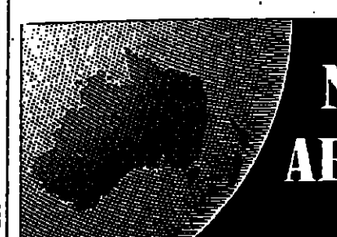
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NEWS

Support for Tories plunges to 26%

■ Support for the Tories has fallen to the lowest level since they won power 15 years ago, providing a gloomy background to the Conservative Party's prospects in the local council elections next week and the elections to the European Parliament on June 9.

A MORI poll for *The Times* puts the Tories on 26 per cent. Not only is this lower than during previous mid-term setbacks but it is also a drop from the plateau of the previous 11 months when the rating was around 28 per cent ..... **Pages 1, 10, 19, 29**

Germany to join in VE Day celebrations

■ Chancellor Kohl of Germany said yesterday that his country would join Britain in next year's celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War to "learn our lesson from history" ..... **Pages 1, 13, 19**

Johannesburg blast

The first full day of voting in the South African general election began with a car bomb exploding at Jan Smuts airport, Johannesburg, injuring 16 ..... **Pages 1, 14**

Boxer in coma

Boxer Bradley Stone was near death after suffering massive brain damage in a British title bout after the contest in east London ..... **Pages 1, 4**

Delayed conviction

A man convicted of an attack on a council gardener was brought back to court, convicted of murder and jailed for life after the gardener died nearly a year later ..... **Page 2**

Death fall

A woman fell to her death from a twelfth-floor balcony when two police officers and a court bailiff called at her flat. She may have thought they were immigration officials ..... **Page 3**

Shrinking Pound

Prices have increased fifty fold since the outbreak of the First World War, making the value of the 1914 pound just 2p, according to new figures ..... **Page 5**

Bankside gallery

The Tate Gallery is expected to announce today that it has chosen Bankside power station, on the Thames opposite St Paul's Cathedral,as its new museum of modern art ..... **Page 6**

Prison apology

A woman prisoner who was forced to give birth while wearing handcuffs has received an apology from the prison service for the incident ..... **Page 6**

Reforms 'hit children'

Children have been the main losers in the Government's "short-sighted" attempt to reform the child maintenance system, the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux said ..... **Page 8**

Nixon mourners

In a remarkable display of feeling, about 35,000 Americans solemnly filed past the flag-draped coffin to pay their last respects to President Nixon before last night's state funeral ..... **Page 15**

March against slavery

Forty-three children, all former slaves who had been beaten, reached the last stage of a 3,000-mile journey through India in an unprecedented appeal to the nation's conscience ..... **Page 15**

Duma deputy shot

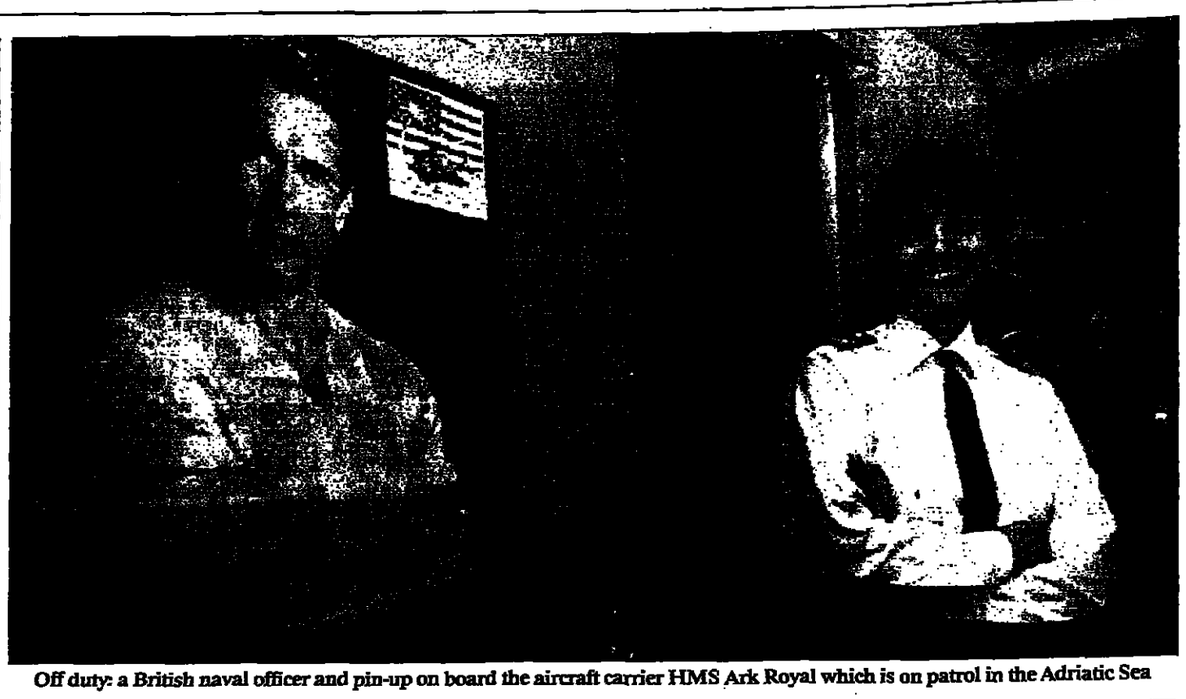
The Russian parliament demanded that President Yeltsin dismiss his interior minister after a deputy was shot in a suspected gangland killing ..... **Page 12**

Nato warns Serbs

Nato told the Serbs that any shelling of safe areas would lead to air strikes, and that artillery found in the Gorazde exclusion zone would be hit ..... **Page 12**

Gasholder artist defends his work

■ Britain's biggest work of art — a 120ft grey gasholder turned into a multicoloured structure at a cost of £60,000 — has been criticised as "turning one eyesore into another." Andrew Cooper, from the Royal College of Art, defended his landmark and said: "Public art is not easy because it strikes you in the eye" ..... **Page 8**



Off duty: a British naval officer and pin-up on board the aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal which is on patrol in the Adriatic Sea

Gas: *The Government is to ensure* that British Gas maintains a significant share of the UK gas market while it presses ahead with introducing competition .... **Pages 25, 27**

Oil: Enterprise Oil was forced by the Takeover Panel to admit that it was considering making a bid for Lasmo, the highly indebted oil company ..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 24.7 points to close at 3150.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 80.5 after a rise from $1.5022 to $1.5067 but a fall from DM2.5234 to DM2.5200 ..... **Page 28**

Tennis: *Prize money at this year's* Wimbledon championships will be increased by 12.5 per cent, with £345,000 and £310,000 going to the men's and ladies' champions respectively ..... **Page 41**

Cricket: The domestic season gets into full swing today with the start of the county championship matches. Michael Henderson assesses the prospects of the 18 first-class clubs ..... **Pages 42-43**

Golf: Ian Woosnam, the Ryder Cup player who won a little over £500,000 last year, takes part in the Cannes Open today bemoaning his loss of form ..... **Page 41**

Libby Purves: "Behind every great British institution lies a strong mind and a silly row" ..... **Page 16**

Politics and poetry: Enoch Powell on Paul Johnson, plus Poetry Special: Michael Hofmann on Elizabeth Bishop and Stephen Spender on Laura Riding, Derwent May and Robert Nye on new poetry ..... **Pages 38, 39**

The age factor: Why are thyroid problems more common in adults than in infants? ..... **Page 17**

Pick of the Proms: The 100th season of Prom concerts, announced yesterday, includes appearances by many of the world's most famous orchestras. Richard Morrison chooses 12 of this summer's best concerts ..... **Page 37**

Bertolucci's Buddha: New films released this week include Bernardo Bertolucci's *Little Buddha*, a tale of reincarnation and enlightenment ..... **Page 35**

La Plante's Lifeboat: The latest television thriller from the prolific pen of Lynda La Plante, creator of *Prime Suspect*, is set in a Welsh coastal community ..... **Page 35**

A six-part series on the Foreign Office opens with a portrait of Tristan Garel-Jones. *True Brits* (BBC2, 9.30pm) ..... **Page 47**

Smoke over Brussels

Everything that is worst about the European Union is on display in the shambolic fashion with which the governments of the European Union are approaching the succession to Jacques Delors ..... **Page 19**

Bringing in daughters

Britain's first Take Our Daughters to Work Day, is designed to show 11 to 15-year-old girls that they can aim just as high as boys; that the world of work is conquerable by both sexes ..... **Page 19**

Cruel nobility

Bradley Stone, a talented young boxer, collapsed on Wednesday and is now in danger of losing his life ..... **Page 19**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Throughout Britain, people think the Conservatives have been in power too long, and that they have lost touch with the people who elected them ..... **Page 18**

JANET DALEY

Why should the nationals of one country be entitled to import their own standards of right and wrong into an alien culture? ..... **Page 18**

Air Marshal Sir Richard Jordan former Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Maintenance Command; **Denis Pitts**, journalist; **Queen Zein**, Queen Mother of Jordan; **Lord Hunter of Newington**, former Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Birmingham University ..... **Page 21**

Is there racial prejudice in the legal profession ..... **Page 19**

Nixon has a portrait eked out in the years of political exile through his own tenacity, political savvy and hard work, that softens and shades, conceals and refines

— The New York Times

European governments are ripe for shaming on the matter of corruption

— The Wall Street Journal



Paul Wood, a US Army veteran, will be taking part in a service to commemorate a little-known war tragedy of 50 years ago
Page 5



Golfer John Buckingham lost a libel action that could land him with a £250,000 legal bill — but still claimed a partial victory
Pages 1, 3



Stephen Hendry, semi-finalist in the World Snooker Championship, said the pain from his fractured arm was causing him problems
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Saying farewell to London

■ This week the most popular couple for many years to occupy the American Embassy leave for home. Valerie Grove says goodbye to Caroline Seitz

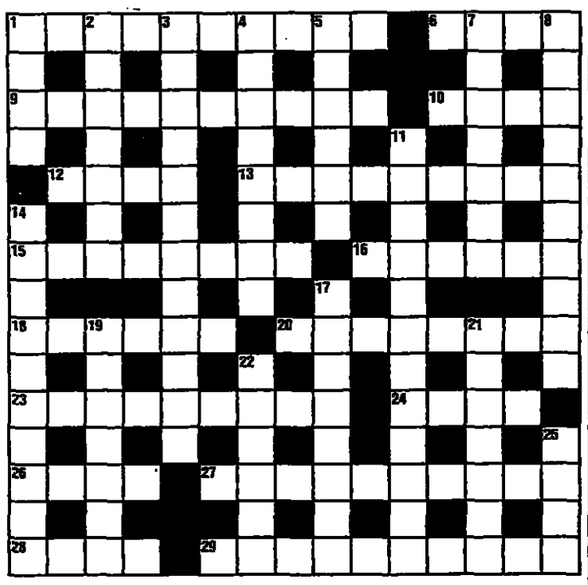
Phone numbers reveal all

■ How new technology is making it possible for firms to instantly discover your name and address by knowing your phone number

Pop on Friday: bedroom rock

■ "The bedroom has resumed its rightful role as a monastic cell devoted to solitary music-making." David Toop surveys the strangest new trend in rock

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ACROSS

1 Confrontational, in the view of an expert (4,2,4)
6 29 mushrooms knocked back (4)
9 Here three quarters in a maul brought about a scoreless draw (6,4)
10 A little water fall (4)
12 Story accepted in this place (4)
13 Serenity disturbed about a problem in sight (9)
15 Alms given by the same people (8)
16 Girl's turned brown (6)
18 Harry, an artist wearing a plaid (6)
20 Very lazy person put in order by the French (4,4)
23 George put oil to a peculiar use (9)
24 They say composer is a heel (4)
26 Design a tailless kite (4)
27 Keep firm control (10)
28 Still of the night (4)
29 Formally dressed for a siege (10)

DOWN

1 Hand and foot, one's restrained (4)
2 Lemmy's card (7)
3 In bezique, the dealer may be very helpful (4,2,6)
4 Trimming coat with down (8)
5 Fan can...(6)
7 ...be an accessory to a criminal painter (7)
8 Capital horse for a duke (10)
11 My stars come out, blazing (6,1,5)
14 "Ma's led papa astray" — Seth's explanation for this projection? (5,5)
17 Tired of walking, the infantry get cross (8)
19 Recall the rise of English Egyptologist (7)
21 Adjust girl's attitude (7)
22 Scheme to circumvent the heartless section of press (6)
25 *Part of mine has some lead, I* think (4)

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Tuesday: Highest day temp: Cromer, Norfolk, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Aviemore and Aboyne, Grampian, 0.98in; highest sunshine: Tynemouth, 13.5hr

■ **General:** England and Wales will be cloudy and misty, with drizzle *especially on western and southern* coasts. Bright or sunny spells will develop, more especially in eastern England and East Anglia. The Channel Islands may become brighter.

Much of northern Scotland will be bright, with just the chance of a shower. Central and southern Scotland will be more cloudy, with patchy rain at times, but there will be some drier and brighter spells for a time.

Northern Ireland will be cloudy with patchy rain or drizzle. There should be some drier spells this afternoon before more rain returns this evening.

Warm in most places away from northern Scotland and the more cloudy coasts, but a breezy wind.

☐ **London, E Anglia, E & W Midlands, E England, Central N England:** patchy drizzle, but bright spells developing. Wind southwest, *moderate to fresh. Max 19C (66F).*

☐ **S E England, Central S England, S W England, S & N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N E England:** patchy drizzle, perhaps *brighter spells away from the coasts.* Wind southwest, fresh to strong. Max 17C (63F), but nearer 11C (52F) on coasts where drizzle persists.

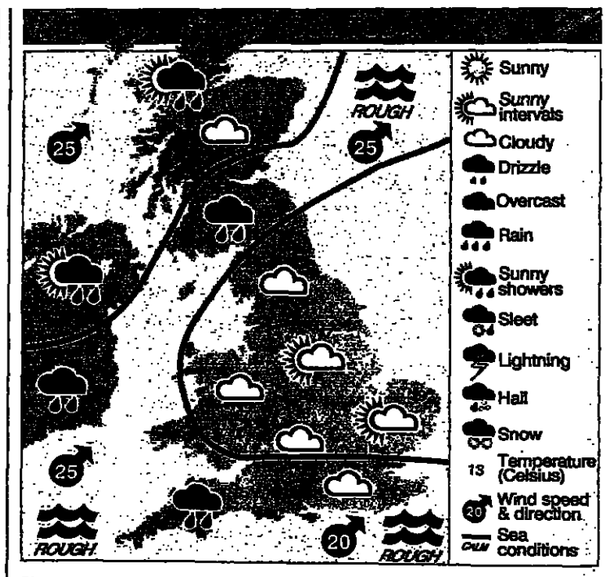
☐ **Channel Isles:** patchy drizzle, some brighter spells this afternoon. Wind south to southwest, light to moderate. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** cloudy, rain at times. Brighter spells for a time. Wind southwest, fresh to strong. Max 17C (63F).

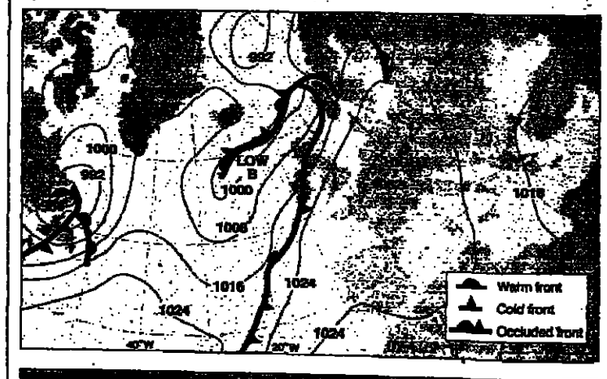
☐ **Moray Firth, N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright spells, showers. Wind west to southwest, fresh to strong. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **N Ireland:** rain at times. Brighter for a time this afternoon, but further rain this evening. Wind southwest, *fresh to strong. Max 16C (61F).*

☐ **Outlook:** rain tomorrow but drier and more sunny on Saturday.



Changes to the chart below from noon: high F will be slow moving, and low B will move northeast and fill



24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.4	0.02	13	55	s	London	-	-	18	64	s
Anglesey	X					Lowestoft	8.4	-	19	66	s
Aspatria	7.7	0.05	13	55	s	Manchester	8.1	-	17	63	s
Aviemore	2.6	0.57	9	48	r	Margate	8.5	-	18	64	s
Belfast	5.7	0.08	17	63	b	Minehead	9.0	0.04	19	66	s
Birmingham	9.0	0.03	17	63	s	Morecambe	11.8	0.12	16	61	s
Bognor R	9.3	0.06	18	61	s	Newcastle	13.3	-	16	61	s
Bournem'th	9.1	0.03	19	61	s	Newquay	X				
Bristol	8.2	0.06	17	63	s	Norwich	8.9	-	19	66	s
Buxton	8.7	0.05	15	59	s	Nottingham	9.8	0.01	18	64	s
Cardiff	8.1	0.11	16	61	s	Penzance	4.0	0.19	14	57	r
Clacton	9.1	-	17	63	s	Plymouth	5.9	0.15	14	57	d
Cleethorpes	9.5	0.01	19	66	s	Poole	10.2	0.04	16	61	s
Colwyn Bay	10.7	0.01	16	61	s	Ross-o-wye	8.7	-	17	63	s
Cromer	X	-	21	70	s	Ryde	10.6	0.11	16	61	s
Dunbar	X					Salcombe	5.1	0.16	13	55	s
Eastbourne	8.1	0.06	15	59	s	Sandown	9.7	0.12	15	59	s
Edinburgh	3.7	0.02	13	55	c	Skamtn Snd	7.5	0.04	18	64	s
Eskdalemuir	0.2	0.18	10	50	c	Scarboro'	9.4	0.13	17	63	s
Exmouth	8.2	0.02	13	55	s	Scilly Isles	3.0	0.15	13	55	r
Falmouth	X	0.24	11	52	d	Shanklin	10.1	0.11	14	57	s
Folkestone	8.0	.48	14	57	b	Skegness	9.5	-	19	66	s
Glasgow	2.6	0.13	14	57	c	Southend	X				
Guernsey	6.6	0.18	17	63	s	Southport	10.0	0.06	16	61	s
Hastings	7.2	0.05	12	52	s	Southsea	10.5	0.05	X	X	s
Hayling I.	10.1	0.06	14	57	s	Stornoway	3.5	0.31	10	50	r
Hove	8.5	0.04	13	55	s	Swanage	9.6	0.07	14	57	s
Hunstanton	11.0	-	19	66	s	Teignmouth	8.5	0.03	14	57	s
Isle of Man	7.1	0.09	12	54	s	Tenby	6.8	0.07	13	55	b
Jersey	4.8	0.18	17	63	r	Thso	1.4	0.36	10	50	r
Kinloss	7.7	0.02	12	54	r	Torquay	7.8	0.07	15	59	b
Leeds	10.4	-	17	63	s	Tynemouth	13.5	-	16	61	s
Lerwick	3.3	0.18	9	48	sh	Ventnor	7.7	0.04	13	55	s
Lauchars	5.3	0.08	13	55	c	West-s-mare	X				
Lldlehmptn	9.2	0.07	15	59	s	Weymouth	9.3	0.08	13	55	s
Liverpool	10.0	0.04	17	63	s						

These are Tuesday's figures

Ajaccio	17	63	s	G'phagn	13	55	f	Majorca	22	72	s	Rome	19	66	s
Alicante	21	70	s	Corfu	25	77	s	Malaga	20	68	s	Salzburg	19	66	s
Alex'dria	22	72	f	Dublin	17	63	c	Malta	20	68	f	S F'risco	13	55	s
Algiers	21	70	s	Dubrovnik	18	64	f	Mallorca	23	73	f	Santiago	16	61	f
Amst'dm	13	55	c	Faro	27	81	s	Mexico C	25	77	s	S Paulo	28	79	f
Athens	25	77	f	Florence	24	75	s	Miami	29	84	f	Seoul	18	64	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Frankfurt	16	59	c	Milan	28	73	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Funchal	18	64	f	Montreal	9	48	r	St'kholm	17	63	s
Barbados	-	--		Geneva	15	59	s	Moscow	13	55	f	Strasb'rg	17	63	c
Barcelona	23	73	s	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Munich	17	63	f	Sydney	25	77	s
Beirut	19	66	f	Helsinki	17	63	s	Nairobi	25	77	c	Tangier	24	75	s
Belgrade	19	66	f	Hong K	31	88	f	Naples	23	73	s	Tel Aviv	25	77	s
Berlin	18	64	c	Innsbruck	18	64	f	N Delhi	33	91	s	Tenerife	23	73	s
Bermuda	25	77	s	Istanbul	19	66	s	N York	10	50	f	Tokyo	19	66	f
Biarritz	21	70	f	Jeddah	34	93	s	Nice	19	66	s	Toronto	17	63	s
Borde'x	20	68	s	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Oslo	11	52	f	Tunis	19	66	c
Brussels	15	59	c	L Palmas	22	72	s	Paris	16	61	c	Valencia	22	72	s
Budapst	19	66	s	La Toust	12	54	f	Peking	25	77	s	Vanc'ver	12	54	c
B Aires	25	77	f	Lisbon	24	75	s	Perth	22	72	c	Venice	21	70	s
Cairo	26	79	f	Locarno	21	70	s	Prague	17	63	f	Vienna	19	66	f
Capo Tn	18	64	c	L Angels	14	57	s	Reykjavik	2	36	c	Warsaw	11	52	c
Chicago	28	82	s	Luxembg	13	55	c	Rhodes	21	70	s	Wash'ton	26	82	s
Ch'church	14	57	s	Lyon	15	59	s	Rio de J	28	84	f	Wel'ngton	15	59	s
Cologne	17	63	s	Madrid	35	77	s	Riyadh	39	10	s	Zurich	16	61	f

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.07	7.6	3.34	7.9	Liverpool	12.24	0.00	12.53	9.9
Aberdeen	2.42	4.3	3.10	4.4	Lowestoft	10.56	2.5	11.27	2.6
Avonmouth	8.47	14.0	9.08	13.8	Margate	1.21	5.1	1.44	5.0
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King's Lynn	7.48	6.9	8.13	6.9	Witton-on-Naze	12.54	4.5	1.21	4.4
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López's VW plant 'corresponded' to GM plans



López: switched to VW

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

CONFIDENTIAL plans for a new Volkswagen car plant in northern Spain, found during a raid on the office of José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, corresponded to plans for a similar plant he produced while working for General Motors, according to a German prosecutor.

The revelation came, yesterday, from the public prosecutor's office in Darmstadt, west Germany, which is investigating GM's allegations that Señor López engaged in industrial espionage. He switched from a top post at GM to VW last year.

Plans for a car assembly plant in the Spanish Basque country, found in Señor López's office at VW's Wolfsburg headquarters, corresponded with plans by GM's German subsidiary Opel, to be built in the same region, the prosecutor said. He also said that computer disks had been discovered at the offices and private residences of former managers of Opel, who are now working for VW. The disks contained data that gave rise to the suspicion that they originated from Opel documents.

GM has also challenged VW in the courts, so far unsuccessfully, over the German firm's mass-recruitment of GM executives. VW, Europe's biggest carmaker, last year had outside auditors conduct an investigation into the espionage allegations by GM. These supported the company's view that no such activities took place.

In recent months, VW has appeared confident that its legal battle with GM, America's leading automotive group, on both sides of the Atlantic no longer presented a problem. But the unusual revelations by the public prosecutor, prompted by apparent leaks to the German press, is likely to strengthen GM's position.

The controversial Señor López, who was hired by VW as a well-known "cost-killer", has not only run into a legal minefield with GM, but has also been the target of fierce criticism in Germany for his abrasive style.

Señor López has denied charges of industrial espionage. The prosecutor said the investigation was not sufficiently far advanced to determine whether charges might be brought.

The statement from the prosecutor said the documents and computer disks that were found also covered cost-cutting strategies at GM and Opel. Señor López is said to have saved GM billions of dollars as head of worldwide procurement.

A VW spokesman said that his company welcomed the statement from Darmstadt and the confirmation that no charges had been brought against VW executives.

Opel said the prosecutor's statement "confirms the conviction of Opel that numerous secret planning documents and highly sensitive cost structures of the corporation were ... used to the advantage of our competition".

Bid for Lasmo would be hostile

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

ENTERPRISE Oil was forced by the Takeover Panel yesterday to admit that it was considering making a bid for Lasmo, the highly indebted oil company that has struggled since its takeover of Ultramar two years ago.

Lasmo immediately countered that it would consider a bid from Enterprise Oil as entirely unwelcome and that no talks had taken place between the two.

Analysts, however, believe that bid terms could be announced by the end of the week after Enterprise said its options included "the possibility of making an offer".

The admission followed widespread market talk of a bid, and after persistent heavy trading — which attracted the attention of the stock exchange — in both the ordinary shares and Lasmo's nil-paid letters. However, Enterprise said in its statement that if a takeover offer were made, terms would be unlikely to value Lasmo at more than 153p a share. At that price, Lasmo would be capitalised at £1.48 billion.

Lasmo shares, caught up in bid excitement, and on the theory that 153p would only be a sighting shot to be topped later by rivals, closed 9½p higher at 162½p, having earlier traded at 169p.

Shares of Enterprise Oil initially fell 17p before rallying to close 6p down at 445p.

Oil analysts suggest that any bid for Lasmo that was only made up of shares would be "hard going". A cash alternative is a must, they say.

Last year, Lasmo underwent a management shakeup, which led to the departure of Chris Greentree as chairman and, subsequently, of Michael Pavia, the finance director.

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British Gas promised aid against rivals

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ Gas competition does not mean looking for ever at a decline in British Gas market share. The Government rejected calls for raising market share of the independents

THE Government will ensure that British Gas retains a significant share of the UK gas market during the drive to introduce competition in the industry. Both ministers and the industry's regulator said yesterday that the company should not be unfairly disadvantaged.

This marks a significant shift in government thinking and reflects strong pressure that British Gas has brought to bear on the Department of Trade and Industry. In the next few weeks, Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, and Clare Spottiswoode, director-general of the Office of Gas Supply (Ofgas), will publish a joint consultation document giving details of how competition might best be introduced into gas. The paper follows Mr Heseltine's decision last year to phase in competition, starting in 1996, with the aim of an open market two years later.

But in advance of that, in a move regarded by British Gas as highly significant, the DTI and Ofgas indicated clearly yesterday that the reshaping of the gas market had tilted too far against British Gas.

Tim Eggar, the Industry Minister, told an Institute of Economic Affairs conference on gas competition: "Competition does not mean that we are for ever looking at a decline in British Gas's market share. That would seem to me that British Gas would forever be disadvantaged." He rejected a call from independent gas producers for a guarantee that they would enjoy an increasing market share, arguing that a significant share for British Gas would indicate that a free market had been created. "I will be convinced that we have a fully competitive market when we see British Gas winning back market share," he said.

Senior British Gas managers have told the DTI that the company's market share in several important sectors has fallen precipitously because of competition introduced so far. British Gas says that its share of the market for guaranteed — as opposed to interruptible — industrial supplies has plummeted to 19 per cent, and that competitors have up to 44 per cent of the small users' market above 2,500 therms.

Mr Eggar said that in a completely open market, the "speed of the collapse of British Gas's share would probably not have happened".

Ministers are reviewing restrictions imposed on British Gas because of its once-dominant market position and which perhaps ought no longer to apply now that the company's market share is so much less. These include the requirement to publish its tariffs, which have enabled competitors to undercut it.

Mr Eggar said he favoured a "package" approach to domestic supply, under which a supplier would be able to offer items such as boilers and other equipment, as well as gas, to improve energy efficiency. This would help British Gas, as a company able to provide such a service.

Mr Eggar's view was largely supported by Ofgas. Ms Spottiswoode pointed out that "in some areas [British Gas] has lost virtually all its market share" and said her overriding principle was to achieve a truly level playing field in the industry. She added: "I do not mean an apparently level playing field, where responsibilities are put on all suppliers, but only bite on British Gas." She said that "with free competition, published tariffs are an anachronism".

British Gas, which holds its annual shareholders' meeting in Birmingham today, welcomed the statements by the DTI and Ofgas. Harry Moulson, the transportation and storage managing director, said: "All those who compete for a share of the market should also take their share of the obligations."

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Colette Bowe, chief executive, who faces uncertainty over the future of the PIA

PIA chief's payoff prospect is £½m

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

COLETTE Bowe, chief executive of the proposed Personal Investment Authority, stands to receive a payoff of £500,000, including pension rights, if the PIA does not get off the ground.

In the face of often hostile questions by from MPs on the Commons Treasury committee, Joe Palmer, PIA's chairman, confirmed yesterday that Miss Bowe was on a salary of £160,000 a year, plus pension, and was on a three-year contract, which will continue if the PIA does not succeed.

Mr Palmer said that Miss Bowe's salary was "well within the range" agreed between himself and the PIA board when the hunt for a chief executive began last year. He said: "It was clear we would be unable to attract a high level of applicants without contractual obligations."

The PIA's future is still in doubt, with many large life offices, including Standard Life, the largest mutual, and the Halifax Building Society, the largest society, remaining reluctant to commit themselves. Of the 6,000 members PIA expects, only 2,500 have so far applied.

Mr Palmer told the MPs that if the PIA did not succeed, the £6 million in costs it had incurred would have to be recovered by the Securities and Investments Board through subscriptions from existing regulators.

Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP, questioned Mr Palmer's suitability as chairman of a regulator. Two months ago, Legal & General incurred a £180,000 fine and a £220,000 costs for rule breaches occurring partly during Mr Palmer's time as its chief executive. Mr Sedgemore produced an L&G memo written by a compliance officer in November 1990, which, the MP said, indicated that "massive non-compliance had gone on for years while Joe Palmer was chief executive".

Mr Palmer said that most of the memo concerned one particular salesman. "This is not grounds for challenging my suitability," he said.

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Life group fined £300,000

BY ROBERT MILLER

PREMIUM Life has been fined a record £300,000 by Lautro, the regulator for life companies and unit trust groups, for failing to ensure that its staff were "suitable, adequately trained and properly supervised".

The life company, which is part of Premium Life Assurance Holdings, was also ordered to pay costs of £21,500. In addition, 22 cases were identified involving a financial loss to investors.

Colvin Rae, the chief executive of Premium Life since December, said: "A very small number of investors were involved and they have been paid compensation, which totals somewhere in the region of between £10,000 and £15,000. There may have been a pension case amongst them but there was no concentration on any one product being missold. The Lautro investigation was to do with inadequate documentation rather than inappropriate advice."

Last year, Premium Life, which was founded in 1980, generated £26.5 million worth of premium income from the sale of life and pension products. The size of Premium Life's fine not only reflects Lautro's tougher fining policy, introduced last month, but also the fact that the life company did not take immediate corrective action after criticism made during a periodic inspection visit by Lautro.

Charles Landa, insurance analyst at Strauss Turnbull, said other fines were "in the pipeline", one of which is expected within days.

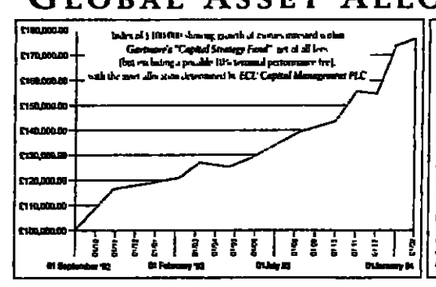
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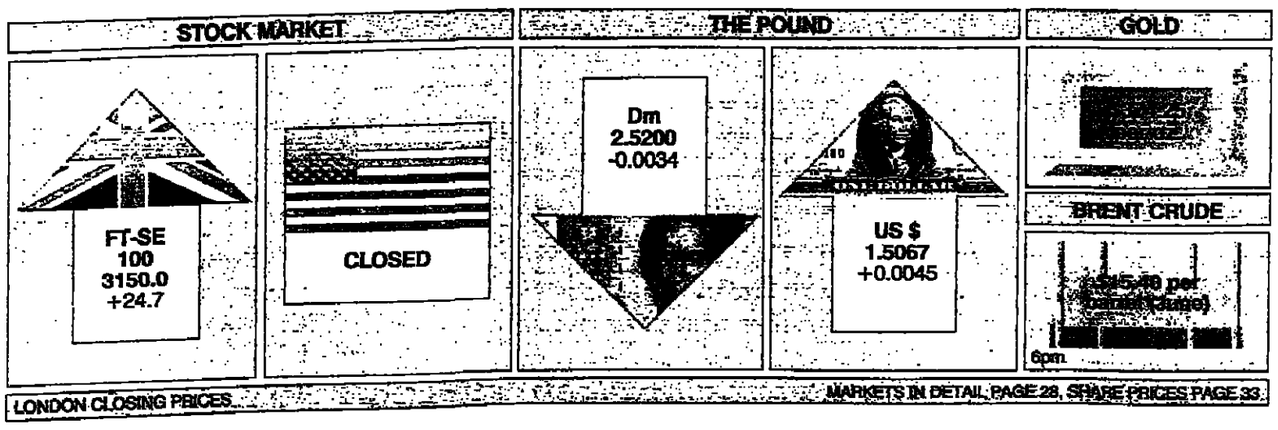
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Government lead urged on telecoms regulation

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

THE Government must give "a clear steer" on the future of telecommunications regulation by next year, if Britain is to remain in the vanguard of the communications revolution, MPs were told.

Manufacturers warned the Commons trade and industry select committee that billions of pounds of investment in building a fibre-optic information "superhighway" would be deferred, and Britain's phone equipment industry crippled, unless the regulatory framework was overhauled.

Witness after witness at the committee's enquiry into the need for an optical fibre network has urged abandoning rules under which BT and Mercury are barred from broadcasting television programmes, while their cable industry rivals, largely American-controlled, have free rein in the sale of phone services.

Only the cable companies have urged the rules' retention. The rest of the industry, with rare unanimity, has called for regulation to focus on opening up existing networks to a new generation of service providers.

Officials of the Federation of the Electronics Industry, the members of which produce telecoms equipment worth £15 billion a year, told the committee yesterday that the Government's promised review in 1998 would come too late. John Boag, a former UK head of AT&T, the American phones giant, said: "By next year, there should be a clear steer from the Government about the way ahead." Robert Cook, the federation's director-general, said Don Cruickshank, the telecommunications regulator, should signal a fundamental shift in regulation away from price caps and towards open access as early as possible. Companies needed to know the way ahead to plan their research, development and investment.

"If he fails, he is going to lose us four years when we might have been putting cables into the ground," Mr Cook said. Mr Boag said the existing price formula had done its job. "Its usefulness is coming to an end."

Fourth mobile phone network launched

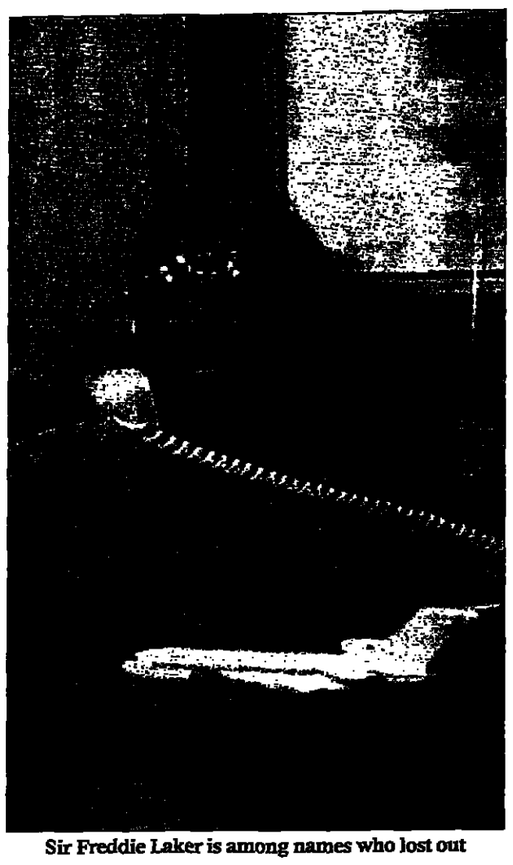
BRITAIN'S fourth mobile phone network will be launched today. It is called Orange and claims that its call charges are up to a third cheaper than those of its rivals (Ross Tieman writes).

Orange, a digital system using personal communications network technology, is owned by Hutchison Telecom — a joint venture between Hutchison Whampoa of Hong Kong — British Aerospace and Barclays Bank.

The service will compete with Mercury's digital One-2-One system and with the more old-fashioned analogue technology used by Vodafone and British Telecom/Securicor Cellnet.

Initially, Orange aims to cover the spine of England and Scotland's central lowlands, an area inhabited by half the UK population. That should rise to 70 per cent by the end of the year.

Hans Snook, managing director of Hutchison Telecom, said he expected to recruit more than 10,000 customers a month. Orange is offering free calls for fixed charges ranging from £15 to £100 a month, in addition to a £30 connection charge. Call charges range from 25p a minute at peak times and 12.5p a minute off-peak for low volume users, to 14p a minute peak and 7p a minute off-peak for frequent callers.



Sir Freddie Laker is among names who lost out

Gooda trial told of 'risk blindness'

By Jon Ashworth

THOUSANDS of Lloyd's of London names on Gooda Walker syndicates faced certain disaster because of incompetence by their underwriters, a court was told yesterday.

Insurance claims from a single catastrophe were set to leave names "blown to bits" because underwriters did not think through the consequences. Like a roulette wheel with only one number, their fate was inevitable.

More than 3,000 Gooda Walker names are suing 71 members' agents and managing agents for £629 million in damages, alleging that the losses were due to negligent underwriting. Sir Freddie Laker, the airline pioneer, was among celebrities who suffered losses after disasters such as Hurricane Hugo.

Geoffrey Vos QC, for the names, told the High Court that Gooda Walker underwriters had blindly written business without bothering to estimate a major claim's impact.

Mr Justice Phillips drew a comparison with a casino operator who works out potential losses and estimates what he is likely to make over a period of years. Number 25 might come up in roulette three times in a week, but longer term, losses would be evened out.

Mr Vos said that all other numbers in Gooda Walker roulette had been taken away. "Twenty-five is the only number on the wheel," he said. "These underwriters just went into it blind."

Names, Mr Vos said, were entitled to assume that reinsurance was being done by professionals who knew what they were doing. "You have to be in a position where you can even out the bumps," he said.

Four Gooda Walker syndicates ran up 30 per cent of the entire losses at Lloyd's in the 1989 underwriting year alone. Syndicate 298 swung from modest profit in 1987 to a loss of 164 per cent in 1988 and a 730 per cent loss in 1989.

Mr Vos said: "You have to understand what your net loss is going to be. These underwriters didn't. That is the long and short of this case."

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EC orders France to give TAT Orly access

THE European Commission has ordered France to open up Orly airport in Paris to TAT, the French-registered airline that is 49 per cent owned by British Airways, and immediately allow it to fly between Orly and all four London airports — Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and City. Bernard Bosson, the transport minister, said France will appeal against the decision, which also clears the way later this year for TAT to fly in competition with other French carriers between Orly and Marseilles and Toulouse, key destinations in the South of France for which Air Inter, Air France's domestic subsidiary, currently has a monopoly.

But the impact of the commission's ruling will be felt even wider, as it says the French authorities "can no longer continue to refuse its air routes to European Union carriers". France's refusal to give TAT access to Orly is considered in breach of the 1992 deregulation agreement allowing EU airlines to operate between two member states.

Bayer boosts profits

BAYER, one of Germany's big three chemicals groups, reinforced the market view that the industry is on the mend in Europe by reporting an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to DM755 million in the first quarter. Hoechst, its rival, said on Tuesday that it had achieved a 16 per cent jump in profits. Bayer, in a letter to shareholders, said it expected full-year growth of 15 to 20 per cent in profits this year. Sales were up 6.3 per cent in the first quarter at DM11 billion. The group said it had cut its prices by 2 per cent, and this had boosted performance. Sales in Germany had risen by 0.9 per cent to DM3.89 billion.

IBC sheds 300 jobs

IBC, the British van-making subsidiary of General Motors, is to cut 300 jobs at its Bedford plant. Crippling exchange rates are blamed. The plant relies heavily on imported engines and transmissions made by Isuzu, which has a joint holding in IBC with Vauxhall. The price of the yen rose 25 per cent last year, adding millions of pounds to IBC's import bill. Ironically, the plant's 2,250 workers have been working double shifts to keep up with demand for the Frontera and small vans. Last year, the company made record profits and turned out almost 50,000 vehicles. A spokeswoman said: "It is very disappointing."

Dyke quits GMTV job

GREG DYKE, former chief executive of London Weekend Television, has stood down as chairman of GMTV, the breakfast television station. The move follows his departure last month from LWT, which owns 20 per cent of GMTV and was taken over by Granada Group earlier this year. Mr Dyke will be succeeded by Nigel Walmsley, director of broadcasting at Carlton Communications, which also holds 20 per cent of GMTV. Charles Allen, chief executive of Granada Television has been made deputy chairman of GMTV. He is to become chairman when Mr Walmsley's term of office ends in two years' time.

Rate swaps hit Procter

PROCTER & Gamble, the household products and food group, lifted profits by 16 per cent in the third quarter to $584 million from $502 million before a $102 million charge against controversial losses on interest rate swaps. Earnings per share improved by 17 per cent to 77 cents but were reduced to 64 cents by the effects of the one-off charge. Sales climbed to $7.44 billion ($7.35 billion). Underlying net profits in the nine months to March were up 13 per cent to $1.907 billion, taking earnings to $2.51 a share from $2.22. Sales in the nine months fell to $22.793 billion ($23.068 billion), affected by adverse exchange rates.

S&U advances 24%

S&U, the consumer credit group, reported a 24 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £5.6 million in the year to January 31. Turnover increased by 7 per cent from £52.9 million to £56.8 million. Derek Coombs, chairman, said the strong rise in profits was entirely attributable to organic growth. He was optimistic about prospects in the coming year, given the recovery taking place in the financial services sector and said current trading was encouraging. A final dividend of 8.9p (7.6p) brings the total for the year to 11.5p (10p), a rise of 17 per cent.

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Bid hunting in troubled waters

☐ GOOD work from the Takeover Panel to flush out from Enterprise Oil that it is at least considering its options on a potential bid for its North Sea rival Lasmo. After all, inspired takeover speculation during a hefty rights issue is always suspicious. Yet the panel's efforts have done nothing to still the fever; Lasmo's shares jumped above Enterprise's guideline price for any bid. Having found a potential bidder, the speculators are already hunting a counterbidder.

Much as disillusioned long-term Lasmo holders might love to be bought out at a fancy price, the main result of all this so far is to make a bid less likely. The optimum time to rustle up an offer was in December, when Lasmo shares dipped almost to a pound, another boardroom exit had been announced and confidence dropped as low as at any time since the disastrous 1991 bid for like-sized Ultramar. The old joke that putting two billion pound companies together would create one billion pound company had become literally true. Management, under the new leadership of Joe Darby, was regaining respect but the low oil price, to which Lasmo is peculiarly sensitive, had undone the good work. At such a moment, Lasmo's reserves must have looked a tempting bargain for Enterprise, which has seen its reserves falling recently, if it could persuade the City that oil prices would eventually recover.

Lasmo is no longer such a bargain even for cash flow, selling at nearly 50 per cent above net asset value. That is partly because the rights issue greatly eases overburdened finances, its main weakness. That dilutes a better-financed bidder's advantage. Enterprise still has a stronger balance sheet and a reputation for prudence but is no longer that much bigger in market value. As its price damper indicated, it knows that a bid viewed as expensive would run the risk of repeating the Lasmo/Ultramar debacle.

The moving finger therefore points to companies that need to build critical mass in exploration and production or are big enough to punt on a further recovery in the oil price, which is still hovering below $16 a barrel. Enter British Gas, which once owned Enterprise and later tried to build a stake in Lasmo. It has the size to cope with Lasmo's sad lack of current earnings and is in a sufficient state of flux to be a possible in any oil sector battle.

The real excitement, however, would be if some big player launched a bid as a geared investment in higher oil prices, rather than a one-off strategic move. Despite its efforts to cut costs and develop low-cost reserves, a $1 rise in the oil price might be worth £30 million to Lasmo after tax. A bid gambling on oil price recovery could change sentiment towards the whole sector. Big speculators are confident some predator other than Enterprise is on the prowl, whatever its motive. But there is already a surfeit of burnt fingers among investors in the North Sea.

Taking the heat off Gas

☐ FOR THE British Gas shareholders who will crowd into the company's annual meeting in Birmingham today, the shift in attitude towards the gas market indicated yesterday by the Government and the industry's regulator, Ofgas, marks, if not quite a conversion worthy of the Damascus road, then at least a significant and welcome move. British Gas has had to be dragged, often kicking and screaming, towards greater competition. The rows between the company and its previous regulator were a bloody battle enjoyed immensely by spectators, especially those in potential competitor companies wanting a slice of the gas action.



But what Industry Minister Tim Eggar and Clare Spottiswoode, the current Ofgas director-general, seemed to be saying yesterday was: enough is enough. While the Government is committed to more competition in gas, and will — parliamentary timetable permitting — signal a new gas Bill for 1995 to provide it, the DTI and Ofgas indicated clearly yesterday that the collapse in BG's market share in several key sectors has gone far enough.

Its public emergence at an Institute of Economic Affairs conference may reflect some adroit Whitehall lobbying by BG and its supporters, including former ministers, some of whom are privately becoming increasingly uneasy about how the privatisations of the utilities were handled. But it also indicates a welcome and sensible, if overdue, shift in official thinking — one which is neither at odds with, nor should threaten, the Government's laudable aim of increasing competition in gas.

In a free market, BG should not be burdened with unfair requirements that other competitors do not face. While, for understandable political and social reasons, the Government needs to ensure that safety and other standards, including provision on customer debt and disconnection, are maintained, BG's poor record in accepting competition should not mean it is discriminated against in the market. So BG should not be left as the supplier of last resort, if some providers either cannot or will not choose to supply certain customers.

BG needed to be treated differently when it was a dominant player in the market. Now it is not, and so the case for differential treatment falls. The proof of this particular pudding will be the joint DTI/Ofgas consultative paper on competition due in a matter of weeks. If that formalises the signs given yesterday, all well and good. If not, it is not too late to change it.

Not a good day for the PIA

☐ JOE Palmer, chairman of SIB's controversial fledgling, the PIA, along with chief executive Colette Bowe, suffered a distinctly uncomfortable experience when they appeared, for the second time, before the Treasury and Civil Service Committee.

Almost everyone, other than SIB, has thought it odd that Palmer should be the PIA's first choice as chairman, bearing in mind that he held the post of chief executive at Legal & General when various regulatory breaches took place, subsequently culminating in Lautro imposing a £180,000 fine accompanied by £220,000 costs.

The Select Committee, headed by John Watts, appears seriously unimpressed with the appointment and, yesterday, made the most of an internal memo from Legal & General's compliance officer, in the winter of 1990, which highlights how a consultant, who failed two exams, had submitted more than 30 cases that year, producing commission of around £80,000.

The flavour of the compliance officer's concerns can be gauged from the statement: "Given this enormous hole in our systems it means that there is no point in anybody going on any training courses because it is not required to either sell business or get it processed."

Palmer, clearly caught off guard, did his best. The memo related to an isolated incident. These were early days in the brave new world.

Interest in Ms Bowe focused not so much on reputation, but rather remuneration. Of particular interest to Barry Legg was Ms Bowe's £160,000 salary along with a three-year contract. Does this mean that Ms Bowe will receive close on £500,000 should the PIA fail to fly? The answer, it would appear, is yes.

Williams seeks cash to fund acquisitions

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

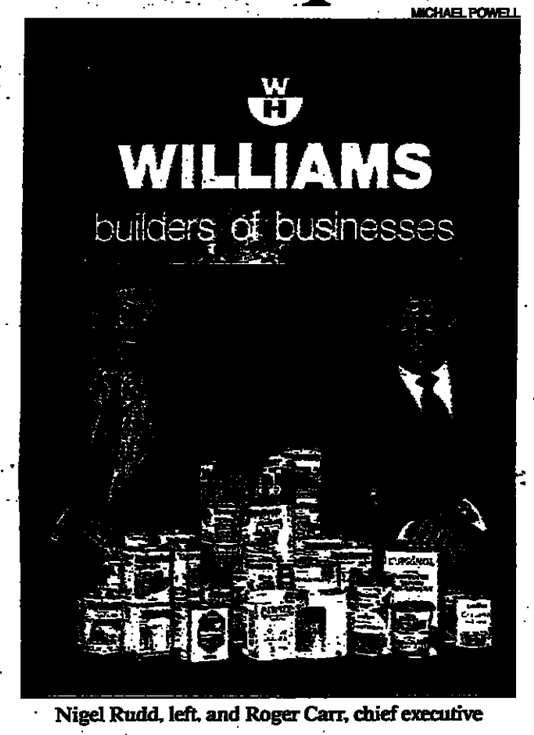
WILLIAMS Holdings, the industrial conglomerate, is asking shareholders for £267 million to fund acquisitions for its future expansion.

The shares fell 9p to 379p as the company also announced it was buying the European wood care and tile adhesive businesses of Solvay, the Belgian chemical group, for £64 million in cash.

The one-for-seven rights issue is at 330p a share, a 13 per cent discount to the previous closing price of 388p. The cash call will reduce gearing from about 70 per cent to 7 per cent according to Nigel Rudd, the Williams chairman. He said this would strengthen the balance sheet and enable further infill acquisitions in the three core businesses of fire protection, security products and building products. Williams has spent about £205 million on similar deals since January of last year, funded mostly by cash.

The latest acquisition will strengthen the range of Williams building products in Europe and is in keeping with its strategy of establishing brand leadership positions. Solvay's woodcare business is the market leader in Germany, Austria, Italy and Spain, and will build on Cuprinol's position in the British market. The tile adhesive operation is the leading supplier to the DIY and professional market sector in Austria complementing Williams' existing Polyfilla, Molto and Alabastine brands in continental Europe. It also sells into Eastern Europe, where Williams has yet to establish a strong presence. "This will be a good way to push our brands into those emerging markets," Mr Rudd said, adding that the acquisition would also strengthen the group's clout with retailers in Europe.

MICHAEL POWELL



Nigel Rudd, left, and Roger Carr, chief executive

The tile and wood-care businesses, which together employ about 690 people, made pre-tax profits of £5.1 million on sales of £90 million in the year to December 31. Net assets were £20 million. Mr Rudd believes that Williams can significantly improve Solvay's performance through the benefits of increased scale and the application of the group's own best practice. The average return on sales of the acquired businesses is about 8 per cent, compared with the 16 per cent achieved by Williams' building products operations.

Analysts broadly welcomed the deal and said the rights issue would address concerns over the weakness of the group's balance sheet. One City analyst said: "The businesses look a good fit with the rest of Williams, and the rights issue will allow them to pick up on other deals." Mr Rudd said no further acquisitions were planned, although he was talking to a number of vendors in all the group's major markets.

On current trading, Williams said it had started to see an upturn in Britain, but added that the pace of recovery would be limited by government policy and consumer caution. Demand is strong in America but continental Europe continues to suffer.

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Oil output highest for five years

BRITAIN's North Sea oil output has reached its highest for five years but its value is dropping, according to figures published today.

Economists at the Royal Bank of Scotland said oil output rose by 4 per cent last month to average 2.41 million barrels a day, the highest since the Piper Alpha disaster.

Gas production fell sharply, by 18 per cent, but this was caused by the normal fall in demand after the end of winter. The underlying trend for gas production, however, is still rising and is now 7 per cent higher than in March last year.

But the continuing low oil prices, and the fall in gas output combined to produce a 6 per cent drop in Britain's oil and gas revenues, the bank said in its monthly North Sea oil and gas report.

MPs to increase pressure for fresh industry policy

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government will come under pressure today to revitalise its policies on British industry when an all-party committee of MPs calls for radical changes because of the "alarming" state of manufacturing.

A report by the Commons trade and industry committee on the competitiveness of UK manufacturing will precede the Government's White Paper on competitiveness, due to be published next month by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade.

Mr Heseltine's recommendations, which have been worked out in co-operation with the Prime Minister and which will act as a kind of mid-term manifesto for the Government, will substantially take the form of a reply to today's report from the MPs.

Yesterday, Richard Caborn, the committee chairman, said that the report would give a view of the "wider issues" facing British industry.

The MPs' report is expected to emphasise the continuing importance of manufacturing to the economy, and to say — while accepting that there are no simple solutions to the problems of Britain's competitiveness — that the issue needs to be addressed in a comprehensive manner, including government action.

Suggestions on the need for the Government to intervene to promote competitiveness are likely to be seen as criticism of Mr Heseltine's performance, especially after his vows to intervene in industry where necessary.

The report is likely to be critical of management failures, of low investment in British industry, and of a short-term view by the City. It is understood not to accept the Government's emphasis on the value of low labour costs, and to place emphasis instead on the importance of training, where it is believed to suggest the adoption of Labour's idea of a training levy — strongly opposed by ministers — and the removal from the Department of Employment of responsibility for training, with Whitehall leadership on the issue being given, instead, to the Department of Trade and Industry.

One controversial recommendation is likely to be that the Government introduce specific national competitiveness targets on a range of performance indicators, including productivity. Ministers will draw comfort from its expected support for their drive to remove unnecessary regulations from business.

Furniture chief will net £1.25m payout

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

GRAHAM Kirkham, founder and chairman of DFS Furniture, which came to the market last November, is set to receive £1.25 million in dividend payments.

Mr Kirkham and his family still hold about 52 per cent of the company, which yesterday reported its first results since flotation. He raised just under £130 million when he sold off 48 per cent. This came on top of the £20 million he received in pay, pension contributions and dividends last year. His salary is now £200,000 but his remaining stake is worth more than £160 million.

The maiden interim dividend is 2.3p. Pre-tax profits rose to £10 million, from £6.8 million, in the six months to January 31, on sales 28 per cent ahead at £66.6 million (£52 million). Mr Kirkham said the figures were "bang on target." Like-for-like sales growth in existing stores was a little under 9 per cent.

New stores were opened at Darlington and Nottingham during the period and an outlet is planned at Sunderland in the second half. Mr Kirkham said about three stores a year would be opened as the group expanded southwards.



Kirkham: 52 per cent stake

Brixton optimistic after net assets rise

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

PROPERTY market conditions still favour the occupier, Sir Douglas Morpeth, chairman of Brixton Estate, said yesterday as he reported a below-expectation rise from 168p to 192p in net asset value at December 31. Analysts had expected a figure of between 195p and 217p.

The company, the majority of whose portfolio is industrial and warehouse, said demand for space has strengthened over the past few months. Sir Douglas said: "I believe that the improvement in the investment market seen in 1993 is a precursor for a more general uplift in the fortunes of the property sector."

Brixton Estate, which raised £100 million in a rights issue last May, says £75 million of the rights money had been invested by year end, on which the current yield is more than 11.5 per cent. More investments have been made since year end. The group achieved a net rental income of £60.2 million (£55.2 million) in its 1993 financial year, and reported pre-tax profits of £30.5 million (£28.5 million). Net earnings were 11.66p (12.73p) a share, out of which a total dividend of 8p (7.67p) a share is declared. A scrip dividend scheme is proposed.

The group's portfolio was valued at £806 million (£679 million) at year end. Industrial and warehouse investments, at £436 million, represent 54 per cent of the portfolio. Office properties were valued at £350 million, and the retail content value exceeded £20 million.

Geographically, Britain represents 82.9 per cent of the portfolio. The value of offices in central London rose by 14 per cent, and those in the City by 19 per cent.

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Open-to-merger Leeds lifts profit

BY ROBERT MILLER

LEEDS Permanent, the UK's fifth-largest building society, yesterday reported a 37 per cent increase in pre-tax profits, from £90.2 million to £123.7 million, for the first half of its current financial year.

The Leeds, which increased its assets by 2.2 per cent, to almost £20 billion, from the September 1993 year-end total, had total bad-debt provisions of £62.4 million at March 31. This was 38.6 per cent lower than the £101.7 million at the same date last year. Administrative expenses increased by 5 per cent, to £108.8 million, in the half year to March 31, although the cost-to-income ratio remained at 41 per cent. Ian Stewart, general manager of the Leeds treasury department, said: "The increase in costs reflects the investment in modernising our 454 branches and the installation of new technology. We are also in the process of setting up our own life and pensions subsidiary, Leeds Life, which is due to be launched this summer, when our tied agency agreement with Norwich Union comes to an end."

Mr Stewart said that the rise in costs was "not significantly" affected by expenses from the proposed merger between the Leeds and the National & Provincial building society announced last summer but later abandoned. He said: "We still believe that, in the right circumstances, a merger would be welcome."

Malcolm Barr, chief executive of the Leeds, said: "Our main priorities for the period under review have been strict attention to the management of the net interest margin, firm cost control and a continued focus on the quality of lending and the management of arrears."

The Leeds has a mortgage book of £16 billion and 500,000 borrowers. It has still to appoint a chief executive to replace Mike Blackburn, who left a year ago in February to become chief executive of the Halifax, the biggest building society.

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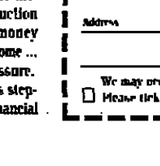
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Share prices boosted by revival in takeover speculation

STOCK MARKET

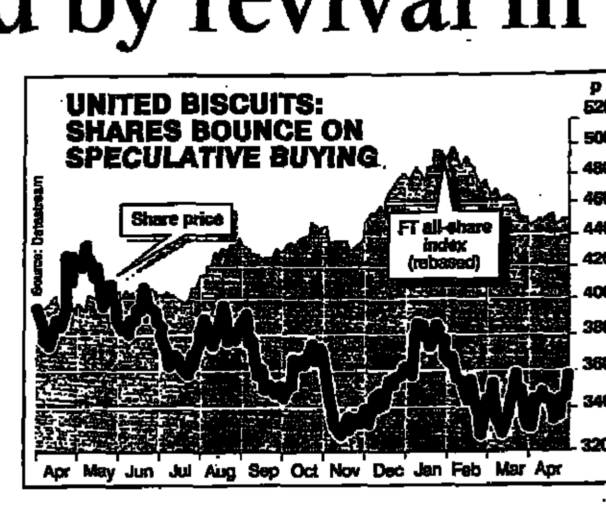
NO SOONER had **Enterprise Oil** confirmed what the rest of the City had suspected for some days, than speculators were talking of an imminent offer for **Lasmo** of 180p a share, possibly from overseas. Lasmo touched 169p at one stage, ending 9½p better at 162½p in another bout of hectic trading that saw 44 million ordinary and 7.4 million nil-paid shares change hands. Enterprise, down 14p first thing, ended 6p off at 445p, while British Gas eased 2½p to 295p.

Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, which acts for British Gas, and rival Kleinwort Benson were bidding aggressively for stock for much of the day fuelling speculation that another suitor might be waiting in the wings. Kleinwort is also known to have bought almost 2,000 calls, equivalent to 2 million shares, on the traded options market in the May series as a cheap way into Lasmo.

Enterprise finally revealed its hand yesterday under pressure from the Takeover Panel. Enterprise said it was considering making a bid for Lasmo but was unlikley to make an offer above last night's closing price of 153p. Lasmo replied that any bid approach from Enterprise would be entirely unwelcome.

This failed to deter speculators who appeared confident last night that another bidder would emerge. In the past few days, Atlantic Richfield, Elf Aquitaine and British Gas have all been mentioned as potential suitors.

The rest of the equity market was cheered by the sudden revival in takeover speculation with prices closing at their best of the day. The FT-SE 100 index ended 24.7 up at 3,150. Trading conditions generally were thin without any lead from US financial markets. Only 618 million shares had been traded in London by the close. Prices enjoyed an early mark-up encouraged by positive performances the previous day on US and German bond markets. Sentiment was further boosted by the latest softening in the German repo rate.



BAT Industries advanced 4½p to 461p as the market continued to signal its approval of the $1 billion acquisition of American Tobacco in the US from American Brands. Analysts say the terms, equivalent to ten times earnings, are attractive. The euphoria also spilled over into **Rothmans** which finished the day 15p dearer at 408p. The fact that American Brands now has at least $1 billion to spend proved to be an excuse to focus attention back on **United Biscuits** where speculative buying hoisted the price a further 11p to 359p, for a two-day lead of 21p. Almost 3 million shares had been traded by the close and although UB is certainly seen as a takeover target, it is more likely to attract the attention of **Unilever**, 1p harder at £10.91, and Nestlé.

Compass, the contract caterer, slipped a further 6p to 310p after confirming plans to pay £300 million for Canteen Corporation of America. The deal will be partly financed by a six-for-19 rights issue at 270p raising an estimated £146 million. Compass has has also revealed interim pre-tax profits up 28 per cent at £23.3 million.

Williams Holdings fell 9p to 379p. The acquisitive industrial conglomerate is also asking shareholders for extra cash. It is planning a one-for-seven rights issue at 330p. **Airtours** is hitting the acquisition trail spending £74 million on two acquisitions which will be financed by a rights issue. The shares fell 18p to 448p. **Wassall** firmed 5p to 295p after telling shareholders at the AGM that it was also looking to make acquisitions.

World Fluids jumped 3p to 29p after being awarded a £2 million contract to supply drilling fluid additives and related engineering services by Shell Development of Nigeria. Its the second such contract secured by the company in the past month.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** An early lead was wiped out with dealers expressing disappointment at the £2 billion auction of Treasury 6 per cent 1999 being only 1.7 times covered. In the event, prices closed near their overnight levels with the June series of the Long Gilt a tick better at £106²⁷/₃₂ as 81,000 contracts were completed. At the longer end of the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 added £⁵/₃₂ at £110¹³/₁₆, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 put on ³/₁₆ at £107⅛.

☐ **Wall Street was closed.**

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.5067 (+0.0045)
German mark ..... 2.5200 (-0.0034)
Exchange index ..... 80.5 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3150.0 (+24.7)
Dow Jones .... 3699.54 (-5.24)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19729.15 (+100.22)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5¼-5⅛%
US Federal Funds 3½%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.89-3.88%*
Long Bond 7.11%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5057*	£:$	1.5061
$:DM	1.6757*	£:DM	2.5160
$:SWfr	1.4315*	£:SWfr	2.1436
$:Ffr	5.7557*	£:Ffr	8.6410
$:Yen	102.80*	£:Yen	154.15
£:SDR	1.0580	£:ECU	1.3057

Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 374.35 .... PM 374.25
Close 374.00-374.50
New York:
Comex 375.05-375.55*

OIL

Brent Crude ..... $15.40 per bbl (Jun)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 142.5 Mar (2.3%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes Tuesday's close

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.24	2.04
Austria Sch	18.74	17.24
Belgium Fr	55.15	50.75
Canada $	2.183	2.023
Cyprus Cyp£	0.782	0.742
Denmark Kr	10.54	9.74
Finland Mkk	8.88	8.08
France Fr	9.12	8.42
Germany Dm	2.68	2.47
Greece Dr	388.50	363.50
Hong Kong $	12.31	11.31
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.00
Italy Lira	2525.00	2370.00
Japan Yen	170.00	153.00
Malta	0.624	0.569
Netherlds Gld	2.988	2.758
Norway Kr	11.57	10.77
Portugal Esc	271.00	252.50
S Africa Rd	6.00	5.10
Spain Pta	214.00	200.00
Sweden Kr	12.39	11.59
Switzerland Fr	2.29	2.11
Turkey Lira	0	49409.0
USA $	1.608	1.478

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Flotation of GRT Bus to be valued at £57.2m

By Philip Pangalos

SHARES in GRT Bus Group, the Aberdeen-based bus and coach operator, have been priced at 160p each, capitalising the group at £57.2 million when it is floated on the stock market next week.

The company, whose services span areas of Scotland, Leicester and Northampton, will receive about £17 million of new money from the placing. Robert Duncan, GRT's managing director, said the proceeds will be used to repay borrowings of just over £10 million and to fund further expansion, likely to happen in the near future.

GRT's 1,825 employees, from bus drivers and conductors to mechanics and cleaners, are all on the company's share scheme and, on paper, will each be up to £16,000 better off as a result.

They are also being offered one free share for each share they buy, as well as an interest free loan of up to £500. Employees will have to hold their shares for at least two years, and for five years if they wish to take advantage of tax breaks.

The company was formed after a £5 million management-led buy-out in January 1989 of Grampian Regional Council's bus and coach operations, though the original business had an annual turnover of only £10 million, compared with the present level of nearer £50 million.

Five of GRT's managers currently own 51 per cent of the equity and the employees own 39 per cent, while 3i and Abtrust hold the remaining 10 per cent. GRT's management and employees will maintain control of the group after the float, with their total combined shareholding set to remain above 50 per cent.

Over the last five years, the group has grown, organically and by acquisition, expanding from 242 buses to 723 buses. Midland Bluebird, which operates in central Scotland was bought in 1990, while the Leicester and Northampton operations, Leicester CityBus and Northampton Transport, were acquired late last year as the company made a bid to expand its operations geographically.

The shares will be on an estimated price earnings multiple of 12.4 times at the placing price, with a notional gross dividend yield of 3 per cent. Dealings are due to begin on May 5.

JOHN MANNING



Geoff Hollyhead, chairman, said trading in the first two months of the current financial year was ahead

Profits and production soar at Trinity

BOOMING markets allowed Trinity Holdings, the specialist vehicle maker best known for its Dennis fire engines, to increase production by 40 per cent to 3,439 units and still end the year with order books ahead of the previous year (Martin Waller writes).

Trinity shares, floated in late 1992 at 120p, jumped 18p to 308p as Geoff Hollyhead, the chairman, said British markets for the core business of making buses and refuse vehicles had shown growth for the second consecutive year, and the first two months of trading in 1994 were well ahead again.

The company made pre-tax profits of £10.6 million (£7.08 million) in the year to end-January on turnover up 24 per cent to £136 million. Margins were broadly in line at the operating level, the company benefiting from a £1.4 million reduction in interest charges following the float.

A final dividend of 4.2p makes a total of 6.2p, against a previous total of 1.5p for a year the majority of which Trinity was not quoted. The group ended the year with a bank balance of £7.2 million.

Gilt-edged auction covered 1.7 times

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

THE gilt market appeared wary yesterday despite the Bank of England's success in the £2 billion auction of five-year gilts. The sale of 6 per cent stock due 1999 was covered 1.7 times, the average amount of demand seen at the last six conventional gilt sales.

The Bundesbank helped the gilt market as it cut its key repurchase rate by a slightly larger than expected 11 basis points to 5.47 per cent. This triggered a brief rally in the UK market. But gilts slipped back to be roughly unchanged on the day despite the successful negotiation of the latest gilt auction.

Dealers said the gilt market was experiencing a bounce, not a recovery and that sentiment was still nervous. The relatively strong pace of the economic recovery at the moment will probably delay further interest rate cuts but David Kern, chief economist at National Westminster Bank, argues today that base rates could still fall to 4.75 per cent by late summer.

Mr Kern said that another half-point cut in base rates from the current 5.25 per cent may be triggered by a combination of low inflation and continued cuts in German interest rates. Lower rates in Britain would help to keep sterling competitive and ease financial pressures on some building societies, which may "otherwise have been forced to consider raising mortgage rates".

Despite his view that rates may be cut in late summer, Mr Kern still believes that inflationary pressures will trigger modest base rate increases, back to 5.25 per cent at the end of this year and to 6.5 per cent at the end of 1995.

Abtrust High Inc (100)	100½ ...	Partco (200)	233 ...	*Brit Bio-Tech Uts n/p (£16)*	221 -79		
Abtrust Scot Wts	10 ...	Persona (160)	176 ...	CALA n/p (116)	9 +1		
Ashanti Gold	£14¼ +¼	Piper Euro Smaller (100)	94 ...	Dale Electric n/p (55)	12 +1		
Capital Shop Ctre	225½ +½	Piper Euro Wts	34 ...	Era n/p (9)	¼ ...		
Chester Water	£82½ ...	Secure Retirement	54 +1	Guinness Peat n/p (25)	9½ ...		
Edinburgh Inca	48½ ...	Siam Select Wts	27 +1	Holliday Chem n/p (180)	42 +2		
Fiscal Props (78)	79 +1	St James Beach Hils (120)	131 ...	IAF n/p (33)	1½ -½		
Gartmore Brit Inc	104 ...	Templeton Emg C	102 +1	LASMO n/p (105)	57½ +8½		
Gartmore Brit Uts	212 ...	Undervalued Asts (100)	100½ ...	McCarthy & Stone n/p (58)	5 -2		
Govett Global Smlr	481 ...	Wainhomes (170)	159 ...	Mowlem n/p (100)	6½ -½		
Groupe Chez Grd (110)	113 -1	Wellington (205)	220 ...	Pentos n/p (25)	1¼ -½		
House of Fraser (180)	189 +1	*RIGHTS ISSUES*		*Shandwick n/p (45)*	5½ ...		
Mercury Euro Wts	34½ -2	Abtrust Scotland n/p	1½ -½	Simon Eng n/p (100)	25 ...		
Nottingham (155)	163 +4	Albert Fisher n/p (52)	2½ +1	Try Group n/p (23)	4 ...		

RISES:		Wellcome	510p (+11p)
J Sainsbury	372p (+10p)	Rugby Estates	134p (+11p)
United Biscuits	359p (+11p)	Rothmans	408p (+15p)
Bowater	451p (+10p)	BAA	984p (+15p)
Hambros	364p (+13p)	FALLS:	
Kleinwort Benson	483p (+38p)	Rathbone Bros	279p (-29p)
SG Warburg	732p (+22p)	Airtours	448p (-18p)
Grand Met	475p (+10p)	Henderson Admin	923p (-12p)
Morland	495p (+13p)	Berkeley Group	473p (-12p)
Bett Bros	210p (+29p)	British Bio-Tech	385p (-25p)
Inchcape	552p (+11p)	United Friendly	515p (-18p)
ICI	853p (+16p)	*P&O Dfd*	715p (-12p)
VSEL	995p (+15p)		
WSP Holdings	63p (+14p)		

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	5,800	Caradon	1,300	Lloyds Bk	2,700	Sears	8,400
Abbey Natl	1,300	Carlton Cms	1,300	MEPC	27	Svrn Trent	962
Alld-Lyons	1,700	Coats Vyla	864	Marks Spr	2,800	Shell Trans	5,600
Argyll Gp	4,300	Cm Union	1,000	NFC	1,500	Siebe	325
Arjo Wiggn	561	Courtaulds	1,600	NatWst Bk	4,200	SmKl Bch	684
AB Foods	371	De La Rue	87	Nat Power	1,800	Smith Nph	528
BAA	478	Eastern Elec	885	Nth Wst W	956	Sthrn Elec	1,000
BAT Inds	4,100	Enterpr Oil	7,400	P & O	2,300	Std Chartd	256
BOC	729	Forte	1,000	Pearson	637	Sun Allnce	1,300
BP	9,300	GRE	886	PowerGen	515	TI Gp	2,000
BTR	5,500	GUS	1,200	Prudential	1,900	TSB	5,600
BT	5,100	*Gen Acc*	1,000	RMC	362	*Tarmac*	1,900
Bk of Scot	2,000	Gen Elec	2,900	RTZ	1,400	Tesco	8,400
Barclays	2,900	Glaxo	3,000	Rank Org	2,500	Thames W	651
Bass	3,100	Granada	1,000	Reckitt Col	665	Thrn EMI	541
Blue Circle	2,600	Grand Met	2,400	Redland	2,400	Tomkins	9,000
Boots	1,100	Guinness	4,300	Reed Intl	711	Unilever	735
Bowater	1,600	HSBC	2,000	Rentokil	740	Utd Bisc	4,000
Brit Aero	456	Hanson	11,000	Reuters	1,400	Vodafone	3,000
Brit Airwys	5,300	ICI	2,300	Rolls Royce	4,400	Warburg	2,100
Brit Gas	5,100	Inchcape	1,000	Rvl Ins	2,300	Wellcome	927
Brit Steel	2,100	Kingfisher	2,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000	Whitbread	291
Burmah Cast	145	Ladbroke	2,700	Sainsbury	7,300	Wlms Hld	10,000
Cable Wire	2,700	Land Secs	2,000	Scot & New	1,200	Wolseley	719
Cadbury	1,500	Legal & Gn	318	Scot Power	980	Zeneca	677

INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	Closed
S&P Composite	Closed
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Av'ge	19729.15 (+100.22)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9113.25 (-215.39)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	417.32 (-1.10)
Sydney: AO	2059.7 (-9.7)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2253.57 (+10.37)
FT 30 share:	2509.8 (+17.4)
Brussels:	
General	7630.86 (+20.30)
Paris: CAC-40	2147.32 (+16.41)
Zurich: SKA Gen	698.10 (+2.70)
London:	
FT A All-Share	1590.23 (+10.48)
FT Non Financials	1723.28 (+12.02)
FT Gold Mines	205.6 (+0.8)
FT Fixed Interest	115.74 (+0.32)
FT Govt Secs	96.34 (+0.28)
Bargains	24983
SEAQ Volume	618.8m
USM (Datastrm)	160.73 (-0.21)

OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 18	April 29	July 28	August 8

Call options were taken out on 27/4/94: Airtours, Com-Tek, GKN, Hogg, Inchcape, Kunick, NHL pref, Navan Resources, Premier Cons Oil, Shield 5.84% pref.
Put: Hogg.
Put & Call: Aminex.

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 94	3142.0	3164.0	3157.0	3153.0	7504
Previous open interest: 53573	*Sep 94*	*3165.0*	*3165.0*	*3165.0*	*3171.5*	*1*
Three Month Sterling	Jun 94	94.60	94.64	94.60	94.61	9755
Previous open interest: 487180	Sep 94	94.30	94.36	94.30	94.34	12498
	Dec 94	93.86	93.92	93.85	93.88	10754
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 94	95.34	95.34	95.33	95.34	479
Previous open interest: 10130	Sep 94	94.78	94.78	94.77	94.78	255
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 94	94.76	94.82	94.75	94.80	42102
Previous open interest: 958100	Sep 94	94.89	94.93	94.87	94.92	24895
Long Gilt	Jun 94	107-07	107-19	106-13	106-27	81628
Previous open interest: 129263	Sep 94	106-12	106-12	106-12	105-31	15
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 94	112.44	112.55	112.30	112.50	2693
	Sep 94	111.33	111.48	111.32	111.49	55
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 94	94.66	95.12	94.52	94.92	126089
Previous open interest: 186397	Sep 94	94.10	94.40	94.08	94.42	5953
German Gov Bd Bobl	Jun 94				99.85	0
Previous open interest: 1880	Sep 94	0				
Three month ECU	Jun 94	94.19	94.22	94.19	94.22	783
Previous open interest: 33414	Sep 94	94.31	94.36	94.31	94.35	236
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 94	96.11	96.12	96.11	96.11	4056
Previous open interest: 43469	Sep 94	96.10	96.12	96.09	96.10	1299
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 94	112.55	112.88	112.05	112.40	45158
Previous open interest: 81712	Sep 94	112.03	112.21	111.80	111.88	84

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.5 (day's range 80.5-80.6).

Mkt Rates for April 27	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8239-2.8389	2.8239-2.8273	par-¼ds	par-¼ds
Brussels	51.76-52.03	51.76-51.86	2-6ds	3-11ds
Copenhagen	9.8900-9.9420	9.8900-9.9060	⅛-1¼ds	2-3⅞ds
Dublin	1.0265-1.0305	1.0270-1.0299	7-10ds	21-26ds
Frankfurt	2.5143-2.5254	2.5143-2.5176	par-⅛ds	⅛-1¼ds
Lisbon	258.40-259.78	258.40-259.03	150-190ds	351-400ds
Madrid	205.48-206.23	205.48-205.78	47-58ds	129-157ds
Milan	2418.20-2427.40	2418.20-2422.20	6-10ds	10-13ds
Montreal	2.0678-2.0760	2.0692-2.0722	0.08-0.18ds	0.18-0.32ds
New York	1.5050-1.5076	1.5056-1.5066	0.16-0.15pr	0.37-0.34pr
Oslo	10.9230-10.9720	10.9230-10.9380	½-¼pr	½-¼pr
Paris	8.6340-8.6780	8.6340-8.6480	⅛-⅞ds	1⅛-1⅞ds
Stockholm	11.7020-11.7960	11.7020-11.7260	2-3ds	5¾-7¼ds
Tokyo	154.01-155.46	154.01-154.29	½-⅜pr	1¼-1pr
Vienna	17.69-17.77	17.69-17.72	⅛-1¼ds	par-1⅞ds
Zurich	2.1421-2.1581	2.1421-2.1451	⅜-¼pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel   *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

Argentina peso*	1.5048-1.5074
Australia dollar	2.1016-2.1040
Bahrain dinar	0.5615-0.5735
Brazil cruzeiro *	1762.03-1764.42
Cyprus pound	0.749-0.759
Finland markka	8.162-8.278
Greece drachma	367.0-374.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.6369-11.6439
India rupee	46.70-47.75
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4425-0.4525
Malaysia ringgit	4.0567-4.0616
Mexico peso	4.92-5.02
New Zealand dollar	2.6246-2.6286
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5845-5.7105
Singapore dollar	2.3429-2.3455
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9737-7.1291
S Africa rand (com)	5.3876-5.3988
U A E dirham	5.468-5.592

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

Australia	1.395-1.396
Austria	11.771-11.776
Belgium (Com)	34.455-34.465
Canada	1.3765-1.3770
Denmark	6.5637-6.5657
France	5.7482-5.7512
Germany	1.6725-1.6735
Hong Kong	7.725-7.726
Ireland	1.4592-1.4617
Italy	1609.0-1610.0
Japan	102.70-102.80
Malaysia	2.693-2.695
Netherlands	1.8799-1.8804
Norway	7.2687-7.2707
Portugal	171.90-172.00
Singapore	1.5553-1.5563
Spain	136.70-136.80
Sweden	7.8070-7.8145
Switzerland	1.429-1.430

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4½ Low 4 Week fixed: 4¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth 4⅞. Sell: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5⅝
Interbank:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5⅝

Overnight: open 4⅞, close 4.

Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5¼	5¼	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5⅝
Dollar CDs:	3.86	n/a	4.12	4.49	4.17
Building Society CDs:	5¼-5	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1994 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1994 to May 24, 1994 Schemes III: 6.47%. Reference rate Mar 1, 1994 to Mar 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.214%.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3¼-3⅛	3⅝-3⅝	4⅛-4	4⅜-4⅜	4-3¼
Deutschemark:	5⅝-5⅝	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	6-5
French Franc:	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3⅞	4-3⅞	4-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3¼
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

Bullion: Open $374.40-374.80 Close: $374.00-374.50 High: $374.50-375.00 Low: $373.35-373.85 **Krugerrand:** $373.00-375.00 (£247.25-249.25)
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-89.00 (£57.50-59.50) New $87.00-89.00 (£57.50-59.50)
Platinum: $392.50 (£260.30) **Silver:** $5.17 (£3.425) **Palladium:** $135.25 (£89.70)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	540	53½	62	—	12	19½	—
(*558)	560	22½	33½	—	34½	41	—
Argyll	220	25	29½	32	9½	15	18½
(*237)	240	11½	18	22½	21	26	29
ASDA	50	8	9	11	2½	4½	5
(*55)	60	3	5	6	9	11	11
Boots	500	54½	61½	68½	8	14½	21
(*546)	550	21	33	41	30	36½	43½
Br Airways	390	39	47½	52½	13	18	23½
(*419)	420	21½	31	37	27½	32½	37½
BP	390	28	36	42½	15½	22	26
(*398½)	420	14½	22½	29	32	38½	42½
Br Steel	140	17	21½	24½	6½	10½	12½
(*150½)	160	7	12	15	16½	21½	24
C & W	450	31½	—	—	22	—	—
(*461½)	475	19½	—	—	39½	—	—
CU	550	34½	42	50	16½	27½	27½
(*561½)	600	12½	19½	27	47	57½	57
ICI	800	77½	99½	102½	10	28½	30½
(*853½)	850	46	59	73½	35	51	59½
Kingfshr	550	42	54	65	20½	31	37
(*577)	600	18½	31	42	49	59	64½
Land Sec	650	31	42	51	24	28	37½
(*667)	700	9	20½	29	59	61½	67½
M & S	420	29	38	43½	11½	15	18½
(*440)	460	—	19	24½	33½	36	39½
Nat West	420	48	53½	60½	8	18	19
(*457)	460	25	31½	36½	25½	35	38
Sainsbury	360	26½	36½	41	19½	26	29
(*372)	390	13½	22½	27½	37½	43½	46
Shell	700	54½	65½	72½	10½	21	26½
(*736)	750	25	37	46	31	44½	50
Smkl Bch	650	29½	42	47½	15	23	29½
(*674½)	700	15	27	33½	31½	39	44½
Storehse	300	21½	26½	30	6½	9½	12½
(*314)	330	9½	15½	19½	17	19½	23
Trafalgar	106	10½	—	—	10½	—	—
(*106)	115	6½	—	—	10	—	—
Unilever	1050	71	95½	109	17½	26½	33½
(*1090½)	1100	41	66	79½	38½	48	55½
Zeneca	650	60½	72½	81	13	25	30½
(*691½)	700	30½	43½	53½	33½	45	54
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	460	19½	35½	46	4½	18	25
(*474½)	500	2½	17	27½	29	41	47
Ladbroke	180	10½	19½	26	3	9	14½
(*187)	200	2	10½	16½	15½	21	26½
Utd Bisc	330	32	43½	52	1½	8½	15
(*359)	360	8½	25½	34½	9½	18½	26

April 27, 1994 Tot: 36770 Call: 24664 Put: 12106 FT-SE Call: 4182 Put: 3460
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	950	60	82½	94½	26½	39	49½
(*982½)	1000	33	56	68	52½	64½	73½
Thames W	460	33	38	41	17	24½	31
(*482½)	500	12	19½	23	42½	48	54
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	460	11	30	41	9½	23	32½
(*461)	500	1½	14	24	42½	49	58
BTR	390	11	27½	36	5½	15½	24½
(*397½)	420	2	13½	22½	25½	32½	41
Br Aero	460	30	59½	73½	8	29½	42
(*482½)	500	6	38½	55	29½	48½	63½
Br Telcm	360	26	35	39½	1½	10½	14½
(*383½)	390	5	16½	23½	11	26	30
Cadbury	453	33	—	—	1½	—	—
(*483)	493	5	—	—	15	—	—
Guinness	460	24	38½	48½	3	14½	22½
(*479½)	500	4½	17½	28	25½	35	44
GEC	300	9½	17½	23	4	15½	19½
(*305)	330	1	5½	11	27	36½	39½
Hanson	260	16	22	27	1½	8	11½
(*274½)	280	4	11	17	8½	17½	21½
LASMO	154	13½	21	26	3½	9	10½
(*163)	173	4½	—	—	—	—	—
Lucas	200	14½	23½	28½	2½	9	15
(*211½)	220	3	12½	18	12	19	26
Pilkingtn	200	11	19	27½	3½	11	15½
(*206)	220	2½	10½	18	16½	23	27
Prudential	300	21	31	36½	2	7½	14
(*318½)	330	3½	14½	21	15	22	29
Redland	550	14	36	49	12½	26½	41½
(*551)	600	2	16½	27½	52	59	71½
Royal Ins	260	9	21½	30	7½	16½	24½
(*260)	280	3	13	22	23	29	36
Tesco	200	15	23½	28	2	7½	12
(*212)	220	3	12½	18	11½	17½	22½
Vodafone	500	36½	50	65	3	18½	26½
(*532½)	550	5½	27	42½	24½	44	51½
Williams	360	21	33½	40	2½	11	16
(*377½)	390	4	17	25	16	24½	32

FT-SE INDEX (*3148)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
May	167	123	84	52	30	14
Jun	180	143	109	80	56	37
Jul	200	164	131	103	80	59
Aug	224	186	156	136	101	80
Dec	293	—	223	—	168	—
Puts						
May	8	15	28	—	79	115
Jun	30	42	57	78	105	136
Jul	42	56	74	96	123	153
Aug	61	74	93	113	140	169
Dec	111	—	148	—	191	—

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	420	37	48	56½	5½	16	20½
(*448)	460	13	26	35	23½	34½	39
Amstrad	30	4	6	6½	2½	3½	4½
(*31½)	35	2	4	4½	5	6½	7½
Barclays	500	32½	47	57	11½	25	32½
(*517½)	550	9½	23½	34	40½	53	60½
Blue Circ	300	17	30	35½	8	19	23½
(*306½)	330	5	16	22½	27½	37	41
Br Gas	280	16½	22½	25	7	13½	18½
(*294½)	300	6	13	16½	19½	25	30½
Dixons	200	13½	19½	24½	8½	18	21
(*203)	220	5	11½	16½	21	30½	34
Forte	220	25	34	35	3½	8½	12
(*239)	240	12½	22½	24	11	17½	21
Hillsdwn	160	13	21	24½	3	8	8½
(*168½)	180	4½	11½	14½	14½	19	19½
Lonrho	140	12½	19	24½	7½	15	18
(*147½)	160	4½	12	16	20½	27½	30½
Sears	120	7½	11	13½	5	8	9½
(*123½)	130	3	6	8½	12	13½	16
Thrn Emi	1100	66	90½	110	21	52½	64½
(*1139)	1150	37½	63	82½	43	77½	90
Tomkins	240	18	25	29	6	13	16
(*251½)	260	7½	15	19	16	24½	26½
TSB	200	18½	25½	29	4½	11½	14
(*212)	220	7½	15	19	14	22	24½
Wellcome	500	31½	52	61½	18½	35	42½
(*509½)	550	11½	29½	39	50	64½	70½
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo	550	47½	60	68	24½	45	51
(*565)	600	25	37	47	53½	74½	80½
HSBC	700	77	96½	114½	30	49	59½
(*737)	750	50½	74	91	54½	74½	84½
Reuter	5250	30½	41	—	28	34½	—
(*5213.5)	5375	24½	34½	—	35	40½	—
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
R-Royce	180	21½	28	32½	1½	5	11
(*199)	200	5½	15	21½	6½	15	20½
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	140	21½	28½	31½	4½	10½	14½
*(*154½)*	*160*	*9½*	*18*	*22*	*14*	*21*	*25½*
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elc	550	51	62	68½	1½	13½	23
(*599)	600	13	29	40½	12	36½	46½
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	420	27½	37	45½	12	20	26
(*439½)	460	7	18½	27	35½	43½	48½
Scot Pwr	360	17	27½	33	13½	25	29½
(*360½)	390	6	15	20½	32	45	48½

GNI REPORT: The closure of New York left the LCE cocoa market low on buying interest and prices slipped early on following a late slump in New York. Technically, the market still has downward potential. The London coffee market also trended lower but participants appeared to shrug off the result of the meeting between the government and the private sector in Brazil; the stock sale remains targetted for 2.4 million bags.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	826-825	Jul	947-943
Jul	851-850	Sep	960-959
Sep	872-871	Dec	977-976
Dec	897-896	Mar	990-980
Mar	920-918		
May	933-932	Volume:	6260

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1525-1520	Jan	1444-1443
Jul	1476-1475	Mar	1438-1432
Sep	1457-1456	May	1433-1425
Nov	1452-1450	Volume:	1427

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Jan	unq
Spot: 282.70		Mar	—
May	11.65-11.85	May	—
Jul	12.00-12.15	Jul	—
Sep	11.70-11.90	Volume:	3279

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	303.6-03.1
Spot: 332.50		May	304.1-02.6
Aug	327.6-27.1	Aug	308.1-06.5
Oct	312.1-11.6	Oct	298.6-96.0
Dec	306.6-06.1	Volume:	366

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 27

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	78.27	144.65	126.23
(+/-)	+0.74	+2.49	-1.08
Eng/Wales:	78.27	146.06	125.48
(+/-)	+0.74	+1.77	-0.59
(%)	-1.1	+9.5	-3.1
Scotland:	n/a	127.41	129.36
(+/-)	n/a	-3.18	-3.36
(%)	n/a	-51.0	n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—	Volume: 0		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	114.20
Jun	114.35
Sep	96.85
Nov	97.85
Jan	99.65
Volume:	256

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	108.25
Sep	96.50
Nov	98.65
Jan	100.25
Mar	101.50
Volume:	65

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	*255.1*	*263.0*
Nov	unq	90.0
Apr	130.0	127.5
	Volume:	77

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jun 70.25-70.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With the US market closed, traders elsewhere let prices drift lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.70	-0.30
Brent 15 day (May)	15.70	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Jun)	15.40	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	n/a	
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	n/a	

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	175 (-1)	177 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	148 (-5)	151 (-3)
Non EEC 1H May	151 (-2)	152 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	150 (-3)	152 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	79 (-2)	81 (-2)
Naphtha	148 (-3)	150 (-3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

May	148.75-49.00	Aug	150.25-50.50
Jun	148.25-48.50	Sep	151.75-52.00
Jul	149.00-49.25	Oct	154.25-54.50
		Vol:	9426

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	15.39-15.40	Sep	15.23-15.25
Jul	15.29-15.30	Oct	15.22-15.27
Aug	15.25-15.27	Vol:	21448

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	165.50-65.75	Aug	unq
Jun	167.75 SLR	Sep	—
Jul	unq	Vol:	254

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 94	1375	1375	1382
May 94	1380	1360	1367
Jun 94	1290	1266	1274
Jul 94	1185	1168	1175

Vol: 209 lots. Open int'st: 3151 Index 1386 +15

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

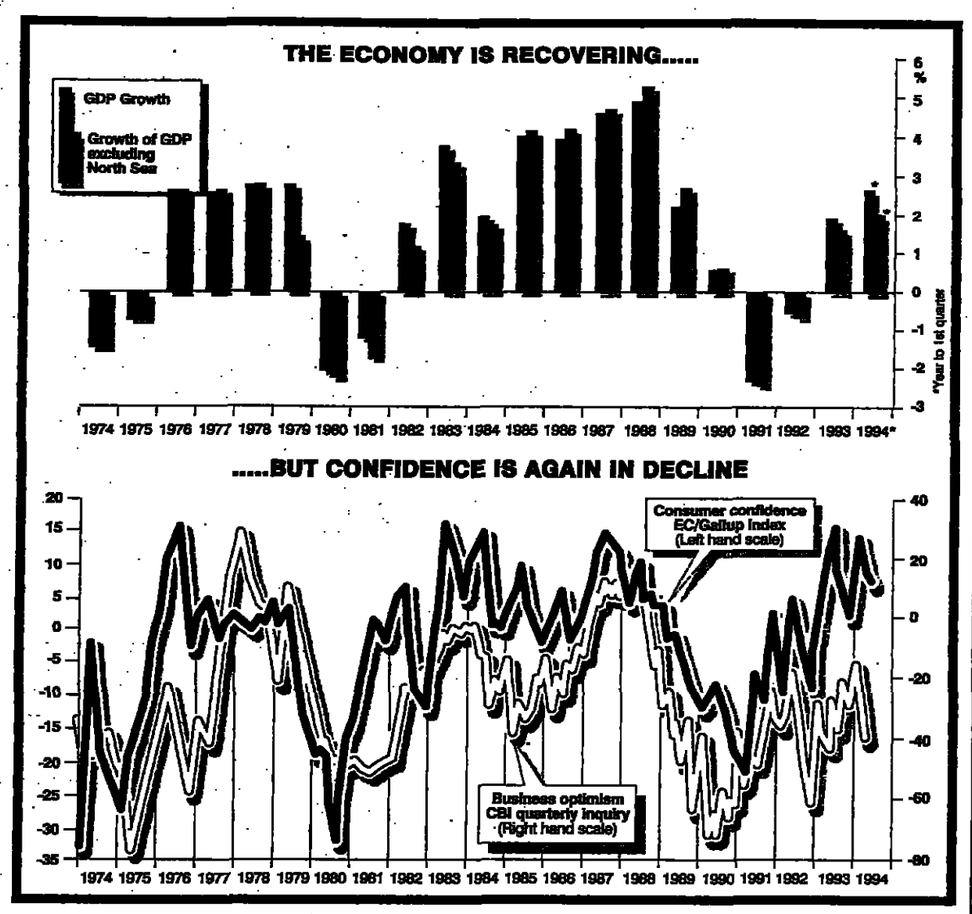
(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1892.0-1893.0	1914.5-1915.0	984275
Lead ($/tonne)	435.50-436.00	450.50-451.00	241500
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	909.50-910.50	932.00-932.50	587550
Tin ($/tonne)	5340.0-5345.0	5405.0-5410.0	14875
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1266.0-1266.5	1292.0-1292.5	1146950
Nickel ($/tonne)	5247.0-5290.0	5320.0-5325.0	81635

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ECONOMIC VIEW

It takes more than statistics to make people feel good

Britain's GDP may, indeed, be back to pre-recession levels, but Anatole Kaletsky believes that something is still missing



Well, that's all *right* then. This week, the Government announced that the gross domestic product has finally returned to its peak level of spring 1990. We can forget all about the recession and start concentrating on the exciting new records the British economy will now be hitting almost daily. Conservative canvassers on our doorsteps can again hold up their heads and look us in the eye. They can even proclaim with statistical justification: "You've never had it so good".

If that does not quite ring true as a description of public life in 1994 Britain, do not blame the statisticians. The facts outlined above are technically correct: Britain is now producing more goods and services than ever before in its history, government spending and consumption are well above previous records and even employment is now clearly rising, although it remains 2 million short of the peak of 27.1 million in the spring of 1990. Why, then, do most people still believe that the country is in recession? And why would John Major's claiming that people in Britain are living the life of Riley probably be, rather like Norman Lamont's "je ne regrette rien", the last claim he ever made as Prime Minister? Politicians and psychologists could come up with dozens of answers, but from a purely statistical perspective these questions also raise some interesting points.

First, there was an obvious lacuna in Monday's GDP figures — while the index of national output in the first quarter of 1994 was back to 100.7, exactly equal to its level in the second quarter of 1990, output excluding North Sea oil and gas was still 0.6 per cent below its pre-recession peak. North Sea activity generates relatively few jobs and contributes to national wealth only indirectly through its impact on government revenues, the exchange rate and corporate profits. Also, its fluctuations are dependent on weather and rig-maintenance schedules, rather than demand conditions or government policies. It is therefore appropriate to exclude offshore production from short-term assessments of the economic cycle and on this basis, this week's figures were a little disappointing. Not only was non-oil output in the first quarter still well below its pre-recession level, but the rate of growth in the latest four quarters was only a feeble 2 per cent, rather than the headline figure of 2.6 per cent reported for the economy including oil.

The quarterly pattern of non-oil output was also disappointing, with no sign of acceleration from the pedestrian quarterly growth rates of 0.5 or 0.6 per cent established since the beginning of 1993. Contrary to the widespread opinion in the City, there has been very little sign of the non-oil economy "picking up momentum" over the winter. There is even less reason to hope that growth will accelerate in the summer and autumn, given a fiscal contraction, only just starting, equivalent to 1.5 per cent of GDP. If growth in the rest of this year slows to under 2 per cent, as I expect and as the surveys of consumer and business confidence suggest — rather than accelerating to 3 per cent, as the Government, the CBI and most analysts now assume, the Government can give up hope of any "feel-good factor" unless Kenneth Clarke takes some uncharacteristically bold action with another sharp cut in interest rates.

But even if growth does accelerate, a second explanation of the national churlishness about recovery will continue to haunt the Government. The fact is that people in the modern world are not impressed by rising output and even rising living standards as measured by personal incomes and consumption. Since the Keynesian revolution after 1945, society has taken it for granted that living standards and output will rise year on year. Economic management that simply delivers ever-rising living standards is not good enough. The challenge is to raise living standards faster and more steadily than in other countries and in the past. This is the main criterion by which economic performance is now gauged.

> "Economic management that simply delivers ever-rising living standards is not good enough"

Why are people so spoilt? Perhaps because GDP and other economic indicators systematically overstate the benefits that individuals feel from economic growth. Thus a growth rate of 2 per cent or so is not perceived as improving living standards at all. Technological change requires 2 per cent growth rate merely to stop unemployment rising. Or maybe the problem is that social services, bureaucracy, medical care and environmental protection pre-empt more and more resources in ageing, complex and overcrowded societies. Whatever the explanation, the fact is that GDP growth of around 2 per cent is not enough to raise living standards; it is the minimum required to stop people feeling worse off.

Looked at from this point of view, the economic opprobrium still heaped on the Major government is both understandable and statistically justified. In particular there are two statistical milestones that Britain will have to pass before Mr Major can hope to gain any credit for the economy's performance. The first will be to achieve sustained growth of well over 2 per cent annually in the non-oil economy. This milestone is now in sight, but only just. Since the first quarter of 1993, quarterly growth rates have averaged 2.2 per cent at an annualised rate. This is probably just on the borderline of what people need to give them a sense that economic recovery has *started*. But to convince voters that the economy has actually recovered and made good the damage done by four years of recession, a far more demanding condition will have to be satisfied: output will have to rise not only to its pre-recession peak, but to the much higher level that would have been attained if the the recession had never happened. Unfortunately for the Tories this second milestone on the way to full recovery is still not even remotely in sight.

To get an idea of where this milestone might lie, one can do several different calculations. The simplest is to start with the level of GDP in spring 1990 and work out how high it would have been by now if the economy had continued to grow at 2 per cent annually. The answer is that GDP would have been 8.2 per cent higher than it is today.

From this point of view, far from having made up the ground lost in the recession, Britain's income is still £56 billion less than it would have been without the recession. Note that this is an annual figure, which will be repeated year after year until the economy regains its trend level of output. This £56 billion cut in annual incomes — equivalent to an after-tax pay cut of roughly £2,500 per British family — does not take into account the output lost over the past four years. That is a capital loss, equivalent to about another £4,000 per family, which Britain can never realistically hope to recoup.

Of course, this output gap of 8.2 per cent is a very rough and ready figure. Many economists would argue that it is too high since inflation was accelerating in 1990 and imports were being sucked in at an unsustainable rate. Suppose, then, that GDP had been cut by 2 per cent in a year, in a short, sharp recession to cure the inflationary pressures in 1990, and had then recovered in the following two years at an annual rate of 3 per cent before settling down to steady 2 per cent growth. This pattern, similar to the one projected (and therefore presumably intended) by the Treasury in the 1991 Budget would have resulted in GDP being 6 per cent or £40 billion higher than it actually is today. That, again, is an annual figure not just a one-off loss.

But how much does it matter that Britain is losing 6 per cent of its GDP each year? Well, 6 per cent of GDP is almost exactly equal to the cost of the the National Health Service. In principle, if 6 per cent of extra output were available, a Labour Government could double health spending, not just for one year but forever, without having to demand any sacrifice from any taxpayer. But 6 per cent of GDP is also roughly equivalent to the yield from the standard rate of income tax. A Tory government could reduce income tax from 25 per cent to zero without cutting a penny off public spending if it had 6 per cent of extra GDP to play with. The costs of economic mismanagement are not confined to the salaries paid to the Chancellor, the Prime Minister and the Governor of the Bank of England.

TEMPUS

The Solvay solution

A STRONG share price has come to the rescue of Williams Holdings, and erased the memory of its failed bid for Racal. The £267 million rights issue allows the group to escape the shackles of current accounting standards. Successive goodwill write-offs so eroded the group's net assets that it was left with the unappealing alternatives of limited organic growth or rocketing gearing. Even the recent modest acquisition of Forney pushed gearing above 100 per cent. Until the run in the shares, spurred by the City's growing acceptance of Williams as a building products group rather than a sprawling conglomerate, any rights issue would have been dilutive.

The rights cash not only pays for Williams' recent acquisitive splurge but cuts net debt to £35 million. An interest rate mismatch with £265 million long-term American debt will cost £9 million a year, but with gearing down to 8 per cent, Williams can borrow up to £250 million for future purchases. The acquisition of Solvay suggests Williams has grown wary of the pitfalls of hostile bids, preferring to shop in private. The wood coatings business may cost £10 million to rationalise this year, which will commendably be charged against profits, but if it matches Williams' 16 per cent average margin it will distinctly enhance earnings. Williams has spent £205 million on similar low-profile deals since the start of last year, increasing sales by a quarter.

At 379p, Williams' shares trade on 17 times' current year earnings forecasts. Viewed as a conglomerate that makes the group look fully valued. Seen as a building products play it is still cheap, particularly if it can find a good home for the rest of its shareholders' money.

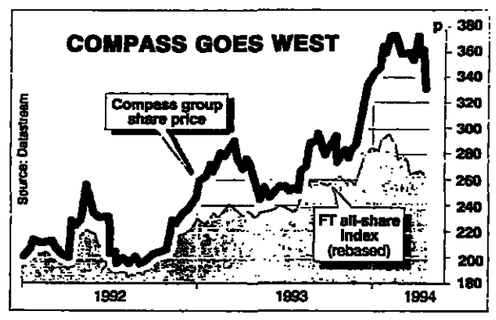
Compass

WHAT with all the fuss about mad cow disease in hamburgers, Compass's decision to rename the El Pollo Loco brand, the rights to which came with yesterday's Canteen purchase, in Europe looks wise. How many takers for a food franchise called Mad Chicken?

The deal requires Compass shareholders to take a great deal on trust. The chain is being bought at an exit multiple that compares almost exactly with competitors in Britain, but the deal is being sold on the back of a tax "funny" fixed up with the Americans that reduces the multiple to a rather cheaper 15 times' 1993 earnings. But that tax deal runs for 15 years, which is a long way ahead to count your chickens, mad or otherwise.

Canteen, desperately undermanaged in the US, now enjoys margins of just 3.3 per cent, well behind the 5 per cent achievable. The deal cuts interest cover close to the five times that Compass admits is its own chosen limit, and hence the large element funded by a rights. But Compass's existing management is already heavily stretched by earlier acquisitions, while the extra profits from any margin enhancement will have to go to fund the necessary investment in the US.

Compass shares have had a fine run and now sell on 15.5 times this year's earnings, but the issue of so much new equity will limit further upside until the benefits from Canteen are clear.



Brixton Estate

CONSIDERING its late start in the scramble to reinvest in the British property market last year, when it left its rights issue until May, Brixton Estate made up for lost time remarkably well. By targeting property in the home counties rather than the City or West End, Brixton has managed to spend all the proceeds from its £101 million cash call.

The group does not appear to have paid over the top in its spending spree. The average 11 per cent yield on the properties compares favourably with other deals, such as Hammerson's acquisition of the Postel properties, in yields that have been as low as 8 per cent.

Brixton's careful handling of its new capital was all very well, but the City was rather less impressed by the growth in the company's asset base. The 14 per cent rise in net assets per share may look impressive against the current rate of inflation, but the slump in the group's asset value last year was so severe that investors were hoping for a recovery to more than 200p, instead of the 192p they were given.

That leaves Brixton as one of the few remaining property companies standing on an uncomfortable premium to net assets of more than 15 per cent, even after yesterday's fall. A revaluation of Brixton's new properties and the completion and letting of some of its development sites, now valued professionally rather than internally, should boost net assets at the end of the year and restore the traditional discount. But a year is a long time to wait, and it is unlikely that even a management of Brixton's proven quality warrant so much support until then.

Airtours

YOU might have thought Airtours would have become wary about acquisitions, given that its failed bid for Owners Abroad cost £9 million and the underperformance of another purchase has forced it to sue the former owners. Not a bit of it. The fast-moving travel company is now expanding into hotels and ships. With boats and planes, all it needs now are trains and it has the set. Given the apparent competition in the travel industry, with Thomson yesterday announcing that it is cutting £20 million off prices for winter holidays next year, it is unnerving how Airtours flies above the battlefield seemingly untouched, fuelled by regular acquisitions and impressive increases in bookings and market share.

The group's astonishing success was perhaps the reason that investors baulked at accepting so much Airtours paper in the Owners Abroad bid a year ago. Now, however, they have another opportunity since most of the latest £90 million round of purchases will be funded with a rights issue. Even that is a surprise since Airtours' balance sheet hardly looks overstretched, with its cash reserves rising to a seasonal peak of £200 million.

Judging by the 18p drop in Airtours' share price yesterday after the group confirmed the leaks of their intentions, the market is still not enthusiastic. Perhaps it will be more positive when details of the acquisition are finally announced.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Player in a rich game

AS NEWS of South Africa fills the column inches, one of the nation's more famous exports, Gary Player, is setting out to steal the hearts of the world's golfing millionaires. Player, 58, has teamed up with Richemont, the luxury goods group, and George Brown IV, an American who developed the Ritz Carlton hotel chain, to launch The Player Club, an exclusive private members' golf and leisure club. Only the seriously rich need apply. Members will pay $32,500 as a joining fee and $2,500 in annual dues to buy time in 20 of the world's most famous clubs for the rest of their lives. Real fanatics will be able to spend up to 40 weeks a year — a fortnight at each venue — at clubs including St Andrews in Scotland, The Palmilla Club in Mexico and Valderrama in Spain. The three partners have put up to $10 million into the venture between them. They hope to attract 5,000 members in time. Player, who has a house in Orlando, Florida, and an estate, Blair Atholl, near Johannesburg, develops golf courses, invests in real estate and has a golf equipment range.

IN America, a doctor of philosophy was due to address the inmates of a women's prison. He entitled his lecture: Putting Descartes before the Whores.

God speed

JULIAN Baring, in a further entertaining newsletter to investors in the Mercury Gold and General Fund, and writing about South Africa, quotes a prayer offered to the Lord in the mid-1800s by a Griqua chief about to fight the Boers. "Dear Lord, we are in for a very serious battle. It will be a major challenge. I implore you to help us. It is going to be a very serious situation so please, don't send your son, come yourself."

Dragon on

THE bizarre case of the British businessman who is trying to squeeze $4.5 million in damages from a state-owned company in China rumbles on.


Gary Player: in the swing

Richard Gosling has taken an advertisement in *Lloyd's List*, promising a reward of up to $500,000 for information on assets, cargo or bank accounts linked to Chian Tianjin International Economic & Technical Co-operative Corporation. Similar ads will run in newspapers in the Far East at the weekend. Gosling obtained a High Court judgment against the company in January 1992, but damages, now worth $4.5 million with interest, have not been forthcoming. "We have been frustrated at every step of the way," says Gosling, whose wife, Minnie, owns the Busabong restaurant chain in Chelsea, London. "Considerable sums have been spent on firms of investigators, but a lot of the information is incomplete." He hopes this new carrot will do the trick.

Brains and boats

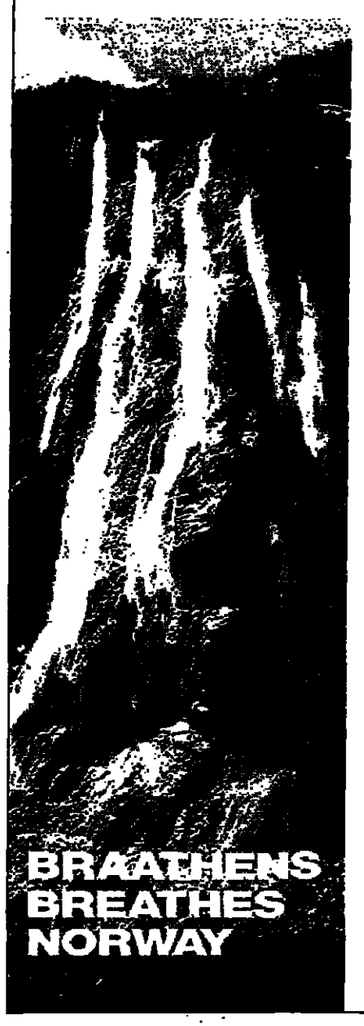
JOHN Embury, the former England and Middlesex cricketer, was busy fending off accountants and bankers this week, when he took part in the Brain Game, an annual charity quiz sponsored by Midland Bank. Coopers & Lybrand won, with Macfarlanes, the law firm, second. Teams from Barings, Gartmore and NatWest took part. The quiz has raised more than £60,000 over four years for Youth Clubs UK, which helps youngsters tackle drug abuse among other problems. Meanwhile, BT has challenged firms in the City to compete in the Great River Race on the Thames in September. About 1,500 competitors from all over Europe tackle the course in everything from Cornish pilot gigs to Hawaiian war canoes.

Hard to swallow

GORDON Baxter, the chairman of celebrated soup maker WA Baxter & Sons, was invited along to this week's Institute of Directors convention at the Royal Albert Hall to talk about the ingredients of success. But he also revealed to delegates that many rivals would sooner swallow his business than build their own brands. Thus far, Baxter has rejected 172 offers for his company. So who wants to soup-up their business? General Foods, General Mills, Distillers Company, Standard Brands, Campbells, United Biscuits, Quaker Oats, Rowntree...and HJ Heinz.

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Airtours close to buying SAS arm

By Colin Narbrough

AIRTOURS, Britain's second largest package holiday group, said it is close to paying £90 million for SAS Leisure, Scandinavia's biggest charter company, and a Norwegian cruise ship. It said it plans a rights issue to fund the acquisitions.

The acquisition of SAS Leisure from Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS), joint national carrier of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, has been in the offing for some time, but persistent rumours that a deal had been done yesterday forced Airtours to confirm details of its proposed purchase.

Airtours, based at Rossendale in Lancashire, said it was in "advanced" talks with SAS to pay 870 million Swedish kronor (£74 million) for SAS Leisure, which would bring it 14 hotels in Sweden, the Canary Islands and Gambia, plus half shares in the charter airlines, Spanair and Premiair.

Airtours said it was also engaged in negotiations to by a cruise ship for $24 million from Kloster Cruise of Norway.

SAS, which declared its intention to sell off non-core assets after the failure of its planned Alcazar alliance with the Swiss, Dutch and Austrian national carriers, confirmed "advanced talks" with Airtours. *Dagens Industri*, the leading Swedish financial newspaper, said the deal had been signed in London on Tuesday.

Last year, SAS Leisure showed a loss of 199 million kronor on sales of 4.5 billion kronor.

SAS said it had agreed to talks with Gate Gourmet International, a Swissair subsidiary, concerning the sale of SAS Service Partner.

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Caterer Compass doubles in size by swallowing US group

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

COMPASS Group, the contract caterer, is doubling in size with a huge deal to take over the third-biggest catering group in the United States. The purchase is to be half-funded by means of a £146 million rights issue.

Compass is paying $450 million for Canteen Corporation, meeting the other half of the acquisition price out of debt. The purchase is from Flagstar, a heavily-indebted US corporation 67 per cent-owned by the management buy-in specialist Kohlberg Kravis Roberts.

Mike Bailey, who becomes Compass's chief executive of US catering operations, said that the purchase was a forced sale by Flagstar, given the latter's $2.4 billion of debts. "We see this as a one-off opportunity for us to buy into the world's biggest food service market, but at a price that is sensible and not at a premium, given that we're buying one of the biggest players," he added.

Canteen, with sales of $1 billion a year, concentrates on growth markets such as schools, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes and prisons. Under a tax advantage allowable under US law, once negotiated with the sellers, Compass is to receive a further $10 million a year over 15 years off its US tax payments, worth £67 million off the purchase price at today's values.



MICHAEL POWELL

Francis Mackay, left, and Mike Bailey flagging up Compass's $450 million purchase of Canteen Corporation of the US

Compass began talking to Flagstar last autumn, when the price under discussion was $650 million, $200 million above the eventual price.

The Compass share price, which fell on Monday when news of the deal leaked into the market, dropped another 6p, to 310p, in reaction to the hefty terms of the rights issue on offer and some doubts over the huge size of the US purchase. The rights price is 270p, on a six-for-19 basis.

Francis Mackay, the Compass chief executive, moved to reassure the market that his company had not bitten off more than it could chew. "It's a very simple business," he said. "It genuinely is a hot-dog stand and Coke business."

Compass says that the deal will be earnings-enhancing from the start. The company has bolstered the rights issue with interim figures for the 27 weeks to April 3 that show further strong progress. Pre-tax profit rose from £18.2 million to £23.3 million. The dividend rises from 2.115p to 2.31p, with a promise of a 10 per cent rise in the full-year total.

Mr Mackay said that new business signed up in 1994 was 50 per cent up on 1993 levels and double those of 1992.

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Non-executives denied vital information

By Philip Pangalos

MANY non-executive directors do not receive information they need to carry out their functions, according to a survey of non-executives in *Times 1,000* companies carried out by KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountants and consultants.

KPMG found that non-executives had better access to key financial measures such as balance sheet and cash flow statements, than to strategically important non-financial areas such as customer satisfaction, quality and management performance. Asked what information they received on 12 key business criteria, two-thirds of the 235 non-executives questioned said they did not receive information on customer satisfaction indicators. More than half (52 per cent) said they did not receive information on senior management appraisals and 58 per cent received none on quality indicators. A further 58 per cent said they did not receive comparative information on best practice leaders. More than half, however, rated these criteria as important in fulfilling their role. The survey results clearly indicate that non-executives attach importance both to strategic advice (75 per cent) and to representing shareholders' interests (85 per cent).

Gerry Archer, KPMG's head of audit and accounting, said non-executives were clearly not getting sufficient information on key strategy areas. "It is of concern that only 56 per cent of non-execs consider customer satisfaction an important strategic area and then only a third receive information on this subject." He pointed out that 77 per cent of non-execs considered it important to sit on the remuneration committee, but only 48 per cent received information on senior management performance. "The non-execs' role should be to add shareholder value, rather than just protect shareholder value."

Fifty-one per cent of directors surveyed were appointed by the chairman. "The Cadbury Committee suggests that non-exec appointments should be made via a nomination committee," Mr Archer commented.

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Colorvision shares dive after payout is passed

SHARES in Colorvision fell 15p to 48p after the television and video retailer said the final dividend would be passed in the light of disappointing sales in the last two months of the financial year ended March 31. The company said second-half profits would be £1.5 million before tax, virtually unchanged on the final six months of the previous year, resulting in profits of just £200,000 after exceptional costs for the year as a whole.

At the interim stage, Colorvision, which is based in Liverpool, reported losses of £1.2 million, but investors were promised a maintained total dividend of 5.6p a share for the year following a 7.4 per cent increase in sales in the third quarter. Yesterday, the company said the sales trend did not continue beyond January and in the final eight weeks failed to match expectations. Remedial action has been taken to cut costs across the group. The company said sales were beginning to return to customary levels.

Jesse Oldfield bought

NORTHUMBRIAN Fine Foods, the speciality food manufacturer, is buying Jesse Oldfield, a privately owned supplier of slab cake and Christmas cake, for a maximum of £2.56 million. Oldfield sells 60 per cent of its products to multiple food retailers. The rest goes to food brokers and wholesalers. In 1993, Oldfield had turnover of £8.41 million and pre-tax profits of £335,000 after a bad debt provision of £100,000. The consideration comprises new shares and unsecured loan notes dependent on Oldfield's results this year.

Jerome cuts losses

S. JEROME, a textile manufacturer, reported a reduced pre-tax loss of £404,000 for 1993 (£1.56 million loss), despite an exceptional charge of £750,000 against the disposal of its CMR Electronics subsidiary. The company's core textile businesses made a pre-tax profit of £346,000, compared with a £386,000 loss previously. The group is paying a 0.3p final dividend, making a total of 0.5p (nil) for the year. Alan Jerome, chairman, said he was cautiously optimistic that performance would improve this year.

Sage lifts dividend

SAGE Group sounded confident on prospects as continued progress in Britain and a strong improvement in America helped the Newcastle-based supplier of accounting software and products turn in a 28 per cent advance in first-half pre-tax profits to £6.86 million in the six months to March 31 (£5.38 million), on turnover ahead 21 per cent to £25.4 million. Earnings improved 26 per cent to 22.25p (17.68p) a share. The interim dividend is raised to 3.65p (3.32p).

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Value-added tax comes of age

John Brown argues the case for VAT to be simplified and the bureaucracy surrounding it reduced

Value-added tax came of age in the UK at the start of the month. It was ushered in on April 1, 1973, by the immortal words of the then Chancellor, Anthony Barber, that it was a simple tax. That delusion resulted in inadequate attention at birth: few took the tax seriously and fewer foresaw its growth into a highly complex adult.

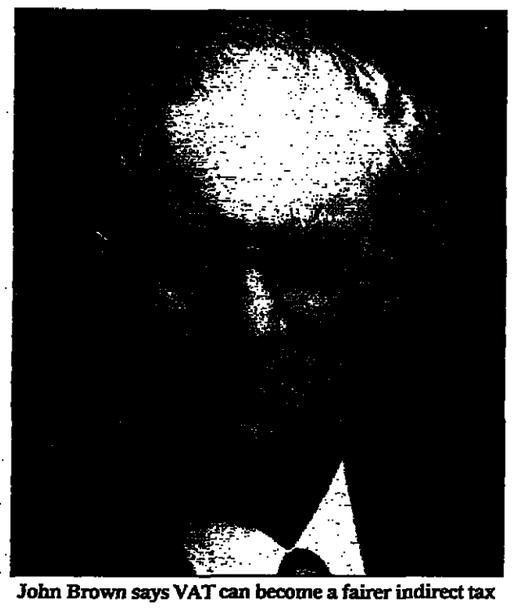
The infant VAT had a rich inheritance of complexity and inconsistency. Much of the spread of VAT rates (10 and 0 per cent at April 1, 1973) reflected the imposition of the superseded purchase tax. Food, the products of the printing and publishing industry and fuel and power were zero-rated; zero-rating also applied to significant parts of the property industry.

In spite of the rich inheritance, VAT did not enjoy a happy childhood. Disciplinary measures were either non-existent or so extreme as to be unusable; lack of compliance was widespread and the child was thoroughly spoilt.

Something had to be done. In the 1980s, the Keith Committee met to draw up effective rules for compliance and to design appropriate punishment. The measures, introduced in 1985, were inflexible and draconian; the result was over-correction and "a rebellious teenager. During the years of adolescence, the standard rate was increased from 15 per cent (introduced June 1979) to 17.5 per cent in 1991. Not a staggering increase, but the present rate must be seen in relation to a standard rate of 8 per cent in force from 1974 to 1979, and also in relation to the only other generally applied UK rate, which is zero.

When the differential between the taxed and the untaxed was 8 per cent, the distorting effect was not severe. Now the differential is 17.5 per cent, many of the anomalies can no longer be tolerated. The unevenness of application of VAT to food is reasonably widely known. The public have an idea that about 23 per cent of all food is subject to VAT at 17.5 per cent. Most know about chocolate biscuits, but how many realise bottled water is subject to VAT? It is dishonest to convey the impression that food in the UK is zero-rated; across a spectrum it is taxed, and heavily.

The purchase tax inheritance and our obsession with zero-rating has perpetuated anomalies and made moves to abandon them difficult.



John Brown says VAT can become a fairer indirect tax

The turbulent years of adolescence, when VAT was applied to hot takeaway food and extended within the realm of property, creating complexity beyond comprehension, and the failure to eliminate anomalies caused the child to develop into a maladjusted adult. The adult is a citizen of the UK and the European Union, not fitting comfortably into either.

The aspiration of the parents of this child was that it would become a good citizen and not distort competition or hinder the free movement of goods and services within the EU. They must be disappointed; they expressed those sentiments in the VAT directives, which are the scriptural base for our system. We should have a common system of turnover taxes that is non-discriminatory as regards the origin of goods and services so that a real common market may be achieved.

The need for revenue raising must be recognised; the need to apply the tax fairly must also be. The opportunity may lie in the EU rates directive, which provides (for reduced rates (not less than 5 per cent) to be applied to a range of products, including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, printed matter and admission to theatres and cultural events generally.

Pharmaceutical products used for healthcare, prevention of diseases and medical treatment, including products for contraception and sanitary protection, are included in the reduced rate list, but are taxed at the standard rate in the UK. It is surely unfair to have a tax differential of 17.5 per cent between such everyday necessities and some of the items that we zero-rate.

The adult needs counselling. VAT needs to be simplified and applied more fairly; the bureaucracy surrounding it needs to be reduced. A mature adult would reduce the monstrous and expensive burden on business and give the consumers what they deserve — a fair and undistorted indirect tax.

The author is VAT partner at Ernst & Young

Semantics can stand in the way of ethics

THERE is much talk of getting at the substance of accounting events rather than taking too much notice of their surface form. The Accounting Standards Board has just issued a fat little book called *FRS5, Reporting the substance of transactions*. It is intended to upset a lot of people. Ingenuously, it says it "will not change the accounting treatment and disclosure of the vast majority of transactions".

But then it makes plain that "it will mainly affect those more complex transactions whose substance may not be readily apparent". The commercial effect of such transactions, it continues, "may not be adequately expressed by their legal form and, where this is the case, it will not be sufficient to account for them merely by recording that form". This approach works well for specific transactions, as FRS5 will. Where the approach is less likely to work is in more abstract fields of accountancy.

The profession's joint ethics committee, Cajec, has also just produced a paper. This is called *The Framework — a new approach to professional independence*. This too attempts to narrow the field and make people's intentions clearer. But it is likely to be less successful.



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Cajec has been a great success story. It has rejuvenated large areas of the ethical code that is supposed to govern members of the profession. But you get the distinct feeling with this consultative paper that Cajec has eased up. Having gone furiously for reform in its first few years of existence it has, probably sensibly, taken the production of this new "framework" as a time to take stock. But easing up and reassessing goals can also be used by factions to lengthen a slowing up followed by, who knows, a rather less stringent regime in the future.

None of this is spelt out. But it is between the lines in the discussion of independence and objectivity. This is the crux of the ethical rules that keep the relationship of, for example, auditor and client at a proper distance. The framework worries over precisely what those words mean. "Independence," it argues at one point, "is not a word that means anything in abstraction unless we specify what it is that the person or situation is 'independent of'." It is a small but dangerous step to arguing, as it does, that the principle is based on "a misconceived assertion that an accountant in public practice should be, and seen to be, absolutely free in each professional assignment he undertakes from any interest that could in any circumstances pose an apparent threat to his independence".

The next step, inevitably, is "to focus on the 'identity' of the mythical perceiver". And: "The consequence is that professional accountancy practice becomes progressively inhibited and compartmentalised by a proliferation of prohibitions or warnings — since no professional body will have the confidence to justify the 'perceived risk'. Firms of accountants, whose clients would like them to provide a broader range of services, are increasingly restricted by warnings or prohibitions which lack any coherence or principle, and ethical codes and guidance become quasi-regulatory." That "will inevitably cause practitioners to argue that a course of conduct is not specifically permitted".

You can see what they are getting at. They are trying to rethink their aims into a sensible framework. It is a laudable aim. But at the same time they throw away the momentum. What Cajec had was a head of steam. It was achieving. It was rolling back the form and if it didn't like the substance it saw it was pushing through a discussion process that was transparent and fair but also left no doubt as to what the resulting guideline ought to be.

Cajec still has those aims. But it has weakened its chances of achieving them. One area it is working on is whether the supply of other services puts the auditor's objectivity at risk. Cajec would probably like to outlaw an audit firm providing particular tax services. For example, where an audit firm recommends a fairly risky tax strategy to a client and then finds itself having to act as advocate to get the strategy accepted by the Inland Revenue. Cajec is likely to argue that it would be hard to be objective when it came to auditing the tax decision.

The whole area of auditor as advocate is riddled with problems. Wherever an auditor ends up fighting its client's corner there will be problems of audit objectivity. It is going to be a very difficult time for Cajec. It is right to try to place the onus on the practitioner. But for the profession's ethical standards to continue to improve, Cajec is going to have to regain its impetus rather than allow its critics to play games with semantics.

Change of presidents

THE appointments are rolling in. Richard Tettenborn is to be president of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa) from September and promises a significant increase in the number of students taking the Cipfa qualification. Meanwhile, Malcolm London, a partner in Coopers & Lybrand, has been appointed president of the Insolvency Practitioners Association. On an international note, KPMG Peat Marwick has appointed its first Korean partner in London, Kyu Sung Bang, 43, has advised Korean securities houses and banks setting up in the UK and acted in M&A activities of Korean companies throughout Europe.

Starting out

STRONG signs are emerging that the market for student chartered accountants is picking up at last, based on evidence that starting salaries in central London rose by 5.3 per cent last year against a forecast increase of 1.3 per cent. A survey of 119 firms by the London Society of Chartered Accountants found 85 per cent of all students who started training in 1993 were paid more than £12,250. Despite gains, starting salaries are well below the average for graduates in central London — an estimated £15,171. For those newly qualified, starting salaries vary from £21,000 for small and medium firms to £23,500 for large firms.

Unity saves time

NEIL Hamilton, the corporate affairs minister, rather gave the game away when he echoed Michael Heseltine's call for unity in the profession at the ICAEW's annual dinner on Monday. Whitehall would much prefer a single body, he said, because the administrative mechanics become so much easier. Lobbying would likewise be "less burdensome for Brussels". But might not a single body be easier to ignore than, say, mass assaults on clauses in the Finance Bill? Hamilton also raised a new puzzle when he called for "auditors who are prepared to stand up and be counted". Who would count them?

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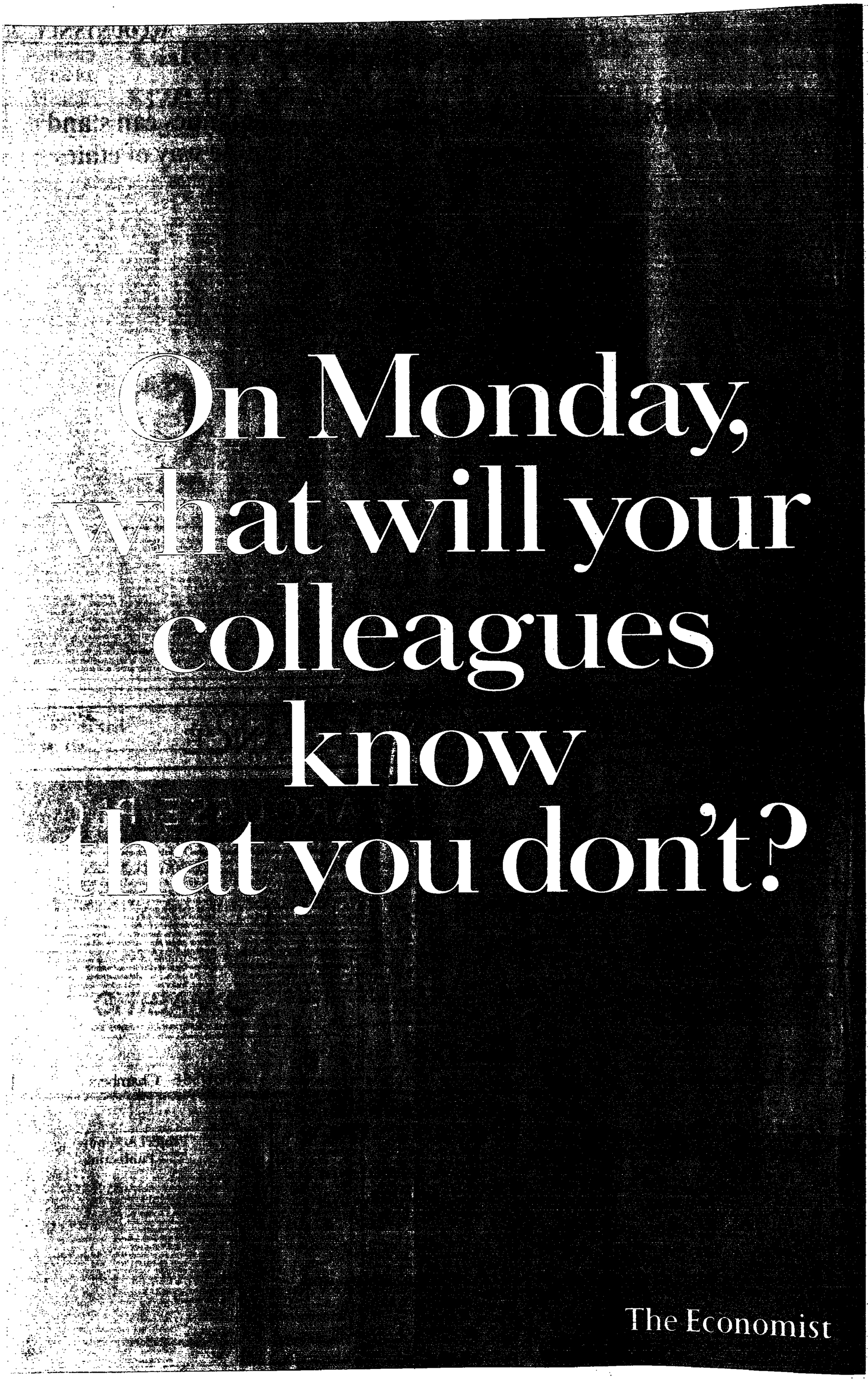
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314	241	Allied Irish	285†	...	...	5.1	9.5
278½	220½	Ans New Z	227½	-8	...	4.0	17.9
3281½	2637½	Bankamerica	2867½	-68½	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	269	+4	...	4.6	19.8
247	180	Bank Scotland	186	+2	4.6	3.1	25.3
640	487	Barclays	518†	+2	...	3.7	21.5
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1113	720	HSBC	738†	+10	23.5	4.0	∞
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473	340	Hambros	364	+13	14.3	4.9	16.8
443	408	Joseph (L)	415	-7	16.7	5.0	...
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181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	145	...	...	3.1	20.1
66	56	Fosters Brewing	58½	-2	...	5.0	68.8
498	423	Fullr Sm 'A'	437	+1	7.5	2.2	18.3
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267	209	Regent Inns	244	...	...	2.0	24.8
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1328½	-15½	...	2.1	22.0
591	510	Scot & New	528	-2	...	4.0	16.2
190	142	Taunton Cider	145	+2	6.2	5.4	11.3
306	266	Vaux Group	282	-2	...	4.1	18.8
403½	334½	Wetherspoon JD	370‡	+1	...	2.0	24.4
617	511½	Whitbread	547	-6	...	4.1	13.1
589	493	Wolvrhamptn D	551	+1	...	2.9	15.5
530	483	Young 'A'	529	...	14.7	3.5	21.9

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	155	Abbey	170	...	...	1.5	27.9
27	18	Albrighton	20	...	...	0.6	...
200	148	Allen	181	...	...	3.5	41.0
164	118	Amec	131†	...	...	2.9	15.9
454	333	Ashtead	396	...	...	1.5	26.4
165	109	Atwoods	119	+5	...	5.3	...
363	309	BPB Ind	327	+6	...	2.0	39.1
122	93	Baggeridge Brk	126	...	...	3.1	37.9
42	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	37½	...	...	2.4	∞
88	64	Barcom	64	...	...	5.9	7.7
60	47	Bardon	47†	-½	2.0	5.3	∞
292	214	Barratt Devs	234†	-5	...	2.7	25.1
169	158	Beazer Homes	163	-3	...	3.8	14.3
304	230	Bellway	238	-3	...	3.2	22.4
59	46	Bellwinch	50	...	...	...	...
244	125	Berisford Intl	242	...	...	...	...
573	473	Berkeley Gp	473	-12	...	2.4	25.5
230	118	Bett Bros	230	+29	...	1.6	26.9
93	60	Blockleys	69†	...	1.0	1.8	∞
391	306	Blue Circle	306†	-8	...	4.6	27.1
355	277	Bool (Henry)	328†	...	6.5	2.5	∞
117	89	Breedon PLC	94†	...	4.6	0.1	∞
154	130	Br Dredging	145†	...	5.6	4.8	∞
82	78	Brit Fittings	86†	...	2.0	2.9	∞
197½	149	Bryant	159	-5½	...	3.8	24.2
149½	111½	CALA	128‡	+2	...	2.5	...
409	348	CRH	386†	-2	...	2.4	∞
70	31	Cakebread Rby	48	...	...	...	...
42	27½	Costain	33	...	...	...	9.8
185	152	Countryside	155	...	...	3.3	34.4
120	90½	Crest Nicholson	112	...	...	1.1	...
140	103	Cussins	121	...	3.0	3.2	∞
28½	19	Edmond Hldgs	28½	...	0.3	1.3	∞
340	273	Epwin	335	...	...	2.8	21.7
82	57	Erith	75‡	...	1.0	1.7	∞
473	435	Eve Group	453	...	...	2.8	17.1
60	41	Galliford	48	...	...	2.6	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	104	...	2.5	3.0	∞
1028	913	Gleeson (MJ)	970†	...	...	1.6	16.9
218	195	Graham Grp	209	...	...	2.8	20.0
169	130	Hewden-Stuart	164†	...	2.9	2.2	∞
54	46	Hewetson	54	+1	...	2.9	39.9
473	383	Heywd Wlm	409†	-4	...	4.0	27.3
145	122	Higgs & Hill	137†	-1	...	2.3	...
34	27	How Gp	34	+2	...	2.8	∞
30	20	Howard Hldgs	23	...	0.5	2.7	...
100	80	Instock Johnsen	80†	-1	1.0	1.6	∞
25	16	Jarvis	22	...	...	...	...
428	305	Laing (J)	360†	-1	...	3.1	25.6
164	122	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	137½	...	...	5.8	...
145	115	La Clydesdale	135	...	...	4.6	26.5
173	105	Lovell (YJ)	123	...	...	...	...
405	332	Manders	369†	+4	...	3.4	18.4
213½	154	Marley	168†	...	...	3.1	22.5
155	128	Marshalls	137	...	...	3.6	...
353	196	Mastrdes (I)	343†	...	...	2.7	23.4
330	240	McAlpine (A)	279†	-1	...	2.9	26.7
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	64†	-1	...	1.0	...
589	476	Meyer Int	485	...	...	2.6	48.6
185½	97½	Mowlem (J)	106†	...	...	2.4	...
252	150	NSM	235	...	...	...	...
48	36	Needler	36	...	...	...	...
196	164	Newman Tnks	165†	+1	6.2	4.7	∞
379½	283	Persimmon	290‡	-3	...	3.9	26.0
20	9	Phoenix Timber	16	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1509½	...	29.0	2.4	21.4
198	172	Prowting	172	...	3.4	2.5	...
1079	916	RMC Gp	946†	-6	...	2.8	28.6
116	84½	Raine Ind	86	...	...	2.9	18.7
40	23	Ransom	30	...	...	...	...
640	524	Redland	550†	+1	...	5.7	33.2
92	70	Roskel	92†	...	4.3	3.8	...
371	288	Rugby Group	300†	...	...	2.8	20.3
64	30	Severfield-Reeve	60†	...	0.5	1.0	∞
189	153½	Sharpe & Fisher	158†	...	...	3.3	...
288	249	Sheffield Insul	260†	...	...	2.6	20.9
270	233	Sheriff Hldgs	263†	...	...	1.7	25.6
140	94	Shorco	140†	+1	5.2	4.8	∞
245	218	Smart (J)	218	...	...	4.9	16.4
5	2	Starmin	3½	+½	...	...	...
206	167½	Tarmac	171	-7	...	4.1	∞
257	192	Tay Homes	213†	...	...	3.5	22.9
183	138	Taylor Woodrw	150†	...	1.5	1.2	∞
760	628	Tilbury Dougls	705	+4	33.0	6.0	∞
60	36	Torex Hire	50	...	...	1.5	...
370	300	Travis Perkins	312†	...	...	3.2	25.2
28½	16	Trencherwood	24½	+½	...	...	...
40½	25½	Try Group	35†	...	...	3.4	∞
28	21	Tudor	25†	...	...	1.2	...
113	98	Vibroplant	97	...	2.5	3.2	34.9
74	52	Ward Hldgs	70	...	...	...	...
45	33	Waterhouse	40	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	510	...	12.0	3.0	∞
225½	189	Westbury	189	-4	5.0	3.3	29.5
7	3½	Wiggins	6½	...	...	...	...
571	464	Wilson Bowdn	473†	-3	...	3.5	17.8
259	185	Wilson (C)	210	+1	4.1	2.5	∞
249	180	Wimpey G	192†	-3	...	3.4	28.7
30	20	YRM	27	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	638	-2	...	...	...
438	253	Adam & Harvey	438	...	13.0	3.7	8.0
83	63	Air London	68	...	...	6.6	14.5
62	44	African Lakes	53†	...	...	1.2	...
140	92½	Auto Sec	110	...	...	6.9	∞
162	120	BET Ord	123	+1	...	2.3	5.0
177	115	BNB Res	175†	+4	4.9	3.5	∞
255	186	BPP	190†	...	...	3.8	13.8
186	152	BSM	165	...	...	4.4	14.0
235	205	Barbour Index	213	+3	8.1	4.8	14.5
1½	1	Black & Edge	1½	...	...	...	...
23	17	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
226	169	Brit Data Mgt	175†	-1	4.9	3.5	12.8
31	22	Broadcastle	27†	...	...	4.6	12.9
76	58	Brooks Service	67†	...	1.5	2.8	∞
121	98	CRT Gp	109†	...	...	3.3	19.7
238	205	Capita Group	229‡	-1	2.5	1.4	∞
59	47½	Caskel Plc	53½	+2	...	2.1	20.6
28½	7½	Chiltern Capital	23½	-½	...	...	...
85	63	Christie	66	...	...	...	...
423	361	Chubb Sec	390	+6	...	1.7	24.2
132	104	Comac	113	-1	...	1.7	29.1
60	41	Corp Services	60†	+2	0.2	0.5	∞
97	81	Coutts Cnslg	92½	...	...	...	...
179	142	Dart	160	...	3.3	2.6	21.7
276	235	Davis Service	259†	...	...	4.2	16.9
154	119	EW Facts	133†	...	...	4.5	10.0
34	25	Gardiner	25½	...	...	3.6	11.4
334	282	Hays	310†	+5	...	2.2	23.9
259	245	Hogg Robinsn	261	...	...	3.2	19.0
39	29	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	1.8
365½	255½	Hunch Whamp	277½	-19½	...	1.7	22.9
2696½	2046½	ISS B DKr	2340½	+3½	...	0.9	13.1
600	503	Inchcape	552†	+11	...	3.4	18.9
1035	864	Johnson Clean	974†	-3	27.0	3.5	∞
9	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
375	283	Mitie Gp	365	...	4.0	1.4	25.2
1300	1156½	Manpower	1262½	+28½	...	...	...
79½	65	Michael Page	77½	...	...	3.4	∞
115	108	Pennas	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
89½	60½	Proudfoot	76‡	+4	...	5.8	...
415	355	RCO	395	+2	15.2	4.8	13.3
110	97	REA	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
137	104	Reed Executive	137	...	1.0	0.9	∞
131	105	Reliance Secs	115	...	4.5	4.9	30.2
279	226	Rentokil	235†	+4	2.8	1.5	∞
368	295	Rolfe & Nolan	309	...	...	3.0	21.1
382	254	Salvesen (C)	258	-3	...	3.6	17.1
58	43	Scott Pickford	48	...	0.8	2.1	15.3
17½	9	Select Appts	14	+½	...	...	...
307	253½	Serco Gp	284	...	...	1.5	∞
129	75	Sherwd Cmps	112	+2	...	2.0	...
130	100	Sketchley	121	...	...	3.1	27.7
338	325	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.4	2.5	17.5
33	24	Welpac	26	...	...	...	...
30½	25½	Wills Gp	26½	...	...	3.0	18.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
280	231	Allied Colloids	275	+1	...	2.0	25.3
1141	989	Amersham	1015	-6	...	1.7	29.2
3½	2	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£137½	£106½	BASF DM	£133½	+97½	...	3.3	...
373	304	BTP	347	...	...	3.4	27.9
£159½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£157½	+19½	...	2.8	...
185	105	Blagden	135	...	1.5	1.4	14.3
131	98	Brent Chems	122†	...	...	4.1	...
460	311½	Br Bio-Tech	385†	-25	...	...	...
13	8	Caird Gp	8½	...	...	...	23.6
190	153	Canning (W)	182†	...	7.2	5.0	∞
567	470	Courtaulds	560	+2	...	3.2	14.0
384	327½	Croda	382†	+5	...	2.7	19.5
133	109	Dorflex	128†	...	4.6	4.5	∞
282	227	Ellis & Everard	268	+2	...	3.4	22.5
46½	35½	Euro Colour	40½	-½	0.8	2.4	22.3
361	337	Halstead (J)	343†	+2	...	2.5	16.0
223	174	Hickson	217†	...	...	4.6	20.9
£140½	£108½	Hoechst	£140½	+47½	...	2.6	...
222	153½	Holliday Chem	222†	+2	...	2.3	∞
854	728	ICI	853†	+16	...	4.0	68.9
843	722	Laporte	807†	-2	...	3.2	21.0
248	190	Leigh	201	+2	...	4.9	17.7
74	48	MTM	73½	+½	...	...	...
2400	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2298½	-31½	...	1.4	∞
625	461	Paterson Zoch	515†	-3	...	3.1	13.6
595	416	-do- 'A'	488†	...	...	3.3	12.8
250	215	Plysu	217	...	...	4.0	18.5
349	265	Porvair	349	...	...	1.5	26.2
66	54	Suchliffe Speak	57	+1	...	...	...
490	418	Wardle Storeys	419†	...	...	5.1	22.0
695	570	Wlstnhlme R	653†	...	...	3.4	16.3
483	390	Yorks Chem	435	+6	...	2.3	20.6
336	258	Yule Catto	336†	...	6.2	2.3	∞
869	681	Zeneca	691†	+3	...	5.0	13.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
80	48	Alexon	43	...	...	...	...
248	203	Allders	224	+1	...	3.4	16.7
410	339	Argos Plc	367†	+1	...	2.7	19.7
11½	6	Ashley Group	7	-½	...	3.3	...
102	72	Ashley (Laura)	90	...	0.1	0.1	∞
357	305	Asprey	321	...	5.2	2.0	20.7
200	170	Austin Reed	198†	...	...	3.5	∞
168	145	Beattie (J) 'A'	153	+1	...	5.0	15.4
150	110	Bentalls	128	...	2.0	1.9	∞
165	121	Betterware	128	-1	...	2.2	14.7
44	38	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
261½	214	Body Shop	214	-2	...	1.0	27.6
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	6	-½	...	...	...
491	420	Brown (N)	464	...	...	2.0	27.3
74½	51	Burton	53½	+1½	...	4.7	79.9
285	190	Castors	191	...	...	2.6	26.6
520	390	Church	395†	...	...	4.1	22.7
171	148	Clinton Cards	158†	+3	4.7	3.7	∞
287	225½	Coats Viyella	242†	+1	...	4.1	21.1
130	48	Colorvision	48	-15	5.6	14.6	8.6
170	157	Cvry Casuals	168	...	...	3.3	∞
903	843	Courts Furnish	894	...	5.6	0.8	10.6
210	155	Crown Eyes	175	...	7.5	5.4	12.0
137	92	Dairy Farm Intl	98½	-2½	...	4.0	∞
122	97½	Dewhirst (I)	118†	...	1.4	1.5	∞
287	193	Dixons Grp	208	+2	...	3.9	...
11½	7½	ERA Gp	9½	+1	...	...	...
580	530	Etys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	∞
284	217	Essex Furn	251	...	...	1.9	40.2
266	217	Etam	245	...	7.5	3.9	∞
558	497	Fine Art Dev	498	...	13.0	3.3	16.2
50	46	Fired Earth Tiles	50	...	...	...	...
715	680	Fornminster	710	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
155	124	French Conn	150	...	...	...	...
73	66	Gent SR	66†	...	...	4.3	20.5
114	85	Goldsmiths Gp	111	...	...	1.2	19.7
653	558	GUS	631	+7	...	2.4	18.9
31	22	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	...
82	53	Harrisons	54	...	...	...	...
110	86	Heritage	86	...	...	...	...
91	68	Honeysuckle	72†	+2	...	4.3	10.6
211	173	Jacques Vert	175	...	...	2.5	13.4
778	544	Kingfisher	577	-10	...	3.3	∞
88	74	Leslie Wise Gp	74	...	...	0.8	15.6
595	525	Liberty	585†	+15	7.2	1.6	∞
380	335	Lloyds Chem	328†	+2	...	3.0	10.9
184	158	MFI	161½	+½	...	3.0	73.4
480½	405½	Marks Spencer	440	+7	...	2.4	22.5
680	589	Menzies (John)	634	...	...	2.2	16.5
333	238	Moss Bros	335	...	7.0	2.7	∞
251	214	Next	225	...	...	3.1	12.8
70	39	Oliver (G)	69	+1	...	...	24.2
338	255	Oriflame Intl	275	...	...	4.3	13.5
37	22½	Pentos	27†	-½	...	...	...
268	225	QS Hldgs	225	...	...	2.9	26.1
62	33	Rhino Grp	33½	-½	0.5	1.9	∞
209	176	Rossbys	188†	...	4.6	3.1	∞
180	130	Sherwood Gp	140†	...	...	3.6	∞
132	113	Sears	123½	+½	...	3.8	20.5
41½	27½	Signet Group	41	+½	...	...	...
549	484	Smith WH 'A'	500	+5	...	3.7	16.1
127	115	-do- B	120½	...	...	3.1	19.4
21	11	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
252	212	Storehouse	214	...	...	2.9	21.2
198	146	T & S Stores	182†	...	...	4.2	13.5
173	135	Tie Rack	140	...	1.7	1.6	∞
265	232	Time Products	232	-2	7.7	4.2	20.0
132	111	Usher (Frank)	116	...	6.0	6.5	12.6
465	384	Vendome	436	-2	...	1.8	20.3
44	34	Vivat	41†	...	1.2	3.8	∞
70	42	WEW Group	44	...	...	1.7	32.2
51	42	Wensum	51	+2	2.0	5.0	∞
139	102	Wickes	110	...	...	1.1	26.2
89	54	Wld of Leather	84	...	...	...	...
195	175	Wyevale	180	-1	4.4	3.1	∞
2½	2	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	137	ACT Group	174	+1	...	3.6	17.5
272	248	Acal	272†	+4	...	3.1	20.6
550	478	Admiral	500†	+2	...	1.4	20.6
190	165	Alba	175	...	...	3.5	19.9
42	34	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
50	31½	Amstrad	31½	...	...	2.0	...
105	73	App Holo	93	...	...	...	...
39	27	Arlen	28	...	...	...	...
94½	80	Ascc	87½†	...	...	1.1	21.7
273	242½	Aztan	273	+2	...	1.4	32.5
283	239	Beales Hunter	265	...	...	4.5	16.4
4½	2	Bennett & Fountn	2	...	...	...	...
478	393	BICC	450†	+2	...	3.3	33.0
535	470	Blick	502	...	...	2.5	18.5
1100	750	Borland	857½	...	...	...	...
380	325	Bowthorpe	332†	+1	...	2.6	18.6
486	380½	BT	384½	+2	...	5.2	18.6
367	262½	BT P/P	266½	+2	...	5.2	18.2
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½	...	0.1	0.8	...
79	58	Burnfield	75‡	+2	...	4.2	58.3
543	424	Cable Wireless	462	-4	...	2.1	24.1
35½	24	Chloride	34½	...	...	...	...
276	268	CML Micro	276	...	4.7	2.1	20.1
182	105	Comptr People	178	...	1.5	1.1	∞
202	159½	Cray Elect	184½	+½	...	1.2	18.0
447	413	Critchley	413	...	...	1.5	23.8
560	482	Delta	545†	+17	...	3.3	24.2
643	446	Denmans El	640	...	...	1.2	20.6
538	400	Domino	473	...	...	2.3	20.3
78	71	Dowding Mills	78†	...	...	4.0	26.2
1635	1220	Drucks	1445	...	10.3	0.9	29.0
589	506	Electrocomps	514	-1	...	2.0	28.9
190½	128	El Data Pr	179	...	...	1.9	15.3
175	133	Electron House	143	...	...	2.4	20.5
35	21	Emess	30½†	...	0.1	0.4	∞
405	359½	Eurotherm	401	+3	...	1.5	27.3
212	183	FKI	199	...	...	2.1	28.1
656	546	Farnell Elec	577	-3	...	1.6	23.5
75	63	Feedback	64	...	...	3.9	8.7
336	286	First Tech	305	...	...	0.8	25.4
262	225	Forward Gp	242	...	4.0	2.1	17.1
36½	14½	Forward Tech	35†	...	...	0.9	75.8
383½	288	GEC	305	-4	10.4	4.3	15.2
191	159	Graseby	160†	...	...	5.2	14.8
14½	11	Graystone	13½	...	...	0.9	...
48	39	Hilcure	43	+2	0.5	1.4	...
193	149	Ind Control	155†	...	...	3.7	13.8
388	331	Jones Stroud	383	...	...	3.4	13.4
141	99	Kalamazoo	118	...	2.7	2.9	27.4
15	9½	Kembrey	10	...	0.1	1.9	...
396	340	Kenwood App	385	-2	...	2.7	20.5
298	221	Kewill Sys	259	...	...	...	...
165	115	Kode	115†	...	...	6.5	16.5
35	19	Laser-Scan	27	+2	...	...	...
148	95	LPA Ind	99	...	0.7	0.9	14.0
300	255	Lec Refrig	280†	...	...	4.0	...
171	125	Life Sciences	131†	...	...	3.7	13.8
314	270	Logica	300†	+15	...	1.7	34.6
52	47	LPA Inds	51	...	...	6.0	...
216	158	MR Data Mngmt	215	-1	...	3.2	23.9
723	638	Macro 4	640†	-1	...	3.8	19.2
281	210	Memvier-Swa	224	+2	...	2.2	19.5
1138	795	Micro Focus	808	+3	...	...	7.7
178	145	Microgen	147	-1	...	6.2	14.8
38½	31	Microvitec	34½	...	...	...	...
548½	478	Mitys	488†	...	...	1.9	18.2
494	234	Mitel	240	-11	...	...	...
178	143	MMT Compu	173	...	...	2.9	23.6
37	22½	Molynx	23	...	1.3	7.1	...
310	250	MTL Insts	310†	...	...	1.7	20.0
147	141	Maltiotne Elect	141†	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	128	Murray Ent	134	...	...	1.9	...
2745½	2300	NYNEX	2440½	-15½	...	...	...
128	84	Neepronics	97	...	...	3.4	16.9
55	33	Newmark (L)	53	...	...	...	...
371	279	Norbain	345	...	...	0.5	26.6
69	47	Northamber	69	+1	0.6	1.1	...
9½	7	Oceonics	7½	...	...	...	...
358	290	Oxford Inst	291	...	4.6	2.0	20.0
87	62	P & P	70†	...	...	3.7	16.8
98	77½	Peek	82†	...	...	5.2	14.0
235	184	Pegasus	195	+2	...	3.3	21.1
£105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2021½	1400	-do- Lmp nv	1947½	+9½	...	0.9	9.1
440	330	Phonelink	421	-4	...	...	...
340	293	Pilco	334†	...	...	1.6	28.0
330	288	-do- 'A' Voting	324†	...	...	1.7	27.2
90	70	Plasmec	88	...	3.0	4.4	∞
121	100	Pressac	115†	...	...	2.8	23.5
281	181	Psion	280†	...	...	1.2	30.6
240	187	Racal Elect	236	+7	4.2	2.2	14.0
50	33	Radamec	36	...	...	5.2	7.7
39	27	Radius	30	...	0.4	1.9	∞
118	75	Real Time	106	...	...	3.5	21.8
600	507	Sage Gp	600	+32	...	2.1	18.3
350	310	Sanderson Elec	323	...	9.9	3.8	13.9
89	72	Scantronic	73	...	3.1	5.4	20.0
212	162	Scholes Grp	200†	...	...	3.2	20.8
409	310	Sema Gp	409	+1	...	1.0	24.5
270	230	Servomex	260†	...	...	3.1	28.1
49	41	Silvermines	44	...	...	2.8	...
94	63	Soundtracks	76	...	...	3.9	19.1
3118½	2265½	TDK	3015½	-3½	...	1.0	34.3
19	11	TDS Circuits	11½	-½	...	...	...
170	100	Telemetrix	104†	...	...	1.2	12.2
292	191	Telspec	263	...	...	1.2	33.0
1165	979	THORN EMI	1139	+3	...	3.5	26.4
196	133	Thorpe FW	188†	...	...	1.9	16.8
43	24	Total Systems	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
303	280	Tunstall	288	...	...	1.5	20.6
324	256	Unitech	324	+3	...	2.4	55.1
16	12	Verity	12	...	...	...	...
31	22	Vistec	27½	...	0.3	1.7	16.2
637	496	Vodafone	534	+7	...	1.8	23.2
483	444	Volex	455	-1	18.1	5.0	18.7
31	20	Western Selectn	29	...	0.2	1.1	...
335	265	Wholesale Ftgs	324	...	11.7	4.5	34.4

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	556	East Midlands	568	+8	...	4.5	10.1
725½	593	Eastern Elect	601	+7	...	4.2	11.4
477	334	Hydro-Electr	339	+5	...	4.3	11.9
733½	585	London Elect	588	+9	...	4.5	11.1
850	663	Manweb	683	+4	...	4.0	8.5
767	590	Midlands Elec	597	...	...	4.5	9.4
505	426	National Powr	440	+5	...	3.1	10.9
801	625	Northern Elec	641	+5	...	4.4	8.4
309	202	Nthn Ireland	218	+1	...	3.7	11.3
806	627	Norweb	643	-3	20.8	4.0	9.2
582	481	PowerGen	490	+4	...	2.9	12.8
486	356	Scottish Power	361	+1	...	4.0	13.4
435	300	Seeboard	317	+5	...	4.1	9.9
825	623	Sth Wales	649	+6	...	4.5	10.0
743	567	Sth Western	597	+3	...	4.4	8.8
745½	578	Southern Elec	586	+3	...	4.4	7.8
729½	569	Yorkshire Elec	586	+6	...	4.5	11.0

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	52	...	1.0	2.4	11.0
165	116	BWD	116	...	4.0	4.3	16.1
118	96	Babic Plc	107†	...	...	1.8	11.9
215	175	Bisset Inv	180	+2	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	680	...	...	2.8	25.3
2500	1900	Camellia	2450	...	...	1.5	9.2
363	318	Candover	328†	...	...	4.2	...
468	367	Govett	380	...	...	5.0	7.8
250	185	Ivory Sime	217	...	...	4.0	18.7
428	345	Johnson Fry	350	+5	...	...	...
245	174	Lon Forfaiting	174	-8½	...	6.7	10.9
87	77	Manakin	77	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	21½	+1	...	...	0.5
58	53	Newmarket	56	...	...	...	...
365	279	Rathbone Brs	279†	-29	...	3.4	14.6
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	4.1	13.4
400	310	S & U	379	+9	11.5	3.9	∞
114	85	Singer & Fried	92†	...	...	4.1	11.8
1260	1063	Sotheby's	1130	...	...	1.4	...
188	131	SJP Capital	149	...	3.0	2.5	61.5
224	203	Towry Law	210	-1	...	2.7	20.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2300	1866½	Amer Express	1975	-50	...	...	...
229	184	Gartmore	191	-1	...	2.6	22.1
1208	923	Henderson Ad	923	-12	...	5.7	21.3
251½	166	Invesco	174†	-2	...	2.5	18.5
317	234½	Jardine Stgc	254½	-9½	...	3.3	∞
323	260	MAI	269†	+3	...	3.2	14.6
770	588	MAM	593	+5	16.0	3.4	14.8
1240	909	M & G	909	-2	...	3.4	19.0
496	343	Smith New Ct	358	...	...	2.4	3.5
65	34	Trio Hldgs	35	...	...	8.9	11.3

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	541	ABF Food	596	+7	...	3.2	11.5
66	54	ASDA Group	54½	-½	1.6	3.8	...
368	319	Acatos & Hutch	320	-1	...	3.1	11.8
74	54	Albert Fisher	56†	+2	...	8.7	12.0
306½	222½	Argyll	237	+5	...	6.1	8.5
270	220	Banks (S C)	258	+5	9.0	4.4	9.8
358	305	Barr (AG)	320	...	...	2.5	20.6
72	56	Bensons Crisps	68†	+2	...	3.2	22.5
481	402	Booker	406†	+1	...	6.7	∞
56½	48	Borthwick	53	...	...	2.8	65.8
505	459	Baxter Bros	459	...	8.8	1.9	∞
43	27	Badgers	28	...	...	5.8	8.5
545	462	Cadbury-Schw	483†	+7	...	3.7	16.4
238	143	Cerls Milling	187	...	...	2.9	13.6
167	135	Cranswick	136	...	...	7.4	12.9
17	13	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
154	90	Dalepak	109	...	...	5.7	31.8
543	440	Dalgety	454†	...	...	5.7	13.3
87	50	Daniels S	77†	...	...	0.5	∞
294	244½	Devro	258†	...	...	2.7	∞
101	60	Everest	75†	...	...	6.2	14.3
393	358	Farepak	393	...	5.9	1.9	24.2
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	70	Finlay (James)	83	...	...	6.2	22.6
105	94	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	227	Geest	227	...	8.1	4.5	∞
20½	14	Global	18†	...	0.5	3.5	∞
68	46	Grand Central	47	...	0.8	2.1	...
194	137	Hazlewood Fds	152	+3	...	5.3	8.6
196½	159	Hillsdown	169†	+1	...	6.5	13.5
211	147	Iceland Group	157†	+1	...	3.0	10.0
111	100	JLI Group	107	...	...	5.5	11.8
656	554	Kwik Save	554	-2	...	4.1	10.0
190	138	Low (Wm)	155†	+2	...	6.8	5.4
113	85	Matthews (B)	97†	+1	...	3.2	15.5
18	10½	Merchant Retail	10½	...	0.0	11.3	21.5
128	99	Morrison (W)	121†	+3	...	1.0	∞
246	226	Nichols (JN)	228†	...	...	3.2	15.2
271½	206½	Nthn Foods	217	-3	...	4.9	10.6
13	9	Nthmbrn Fds	11	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peack	223	+1	...	3.7	12.4
124	89½	Park Foods	119	...	...	2.3	27.5
81	64	Perkins Food	70†	+1	...	7.9	∞
141	111	PizzaExpress	127	...	...	0.5	26.8
4	2½	Regina Hlth	3½	+½	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	372	+10	...	3.5	13.0
96	73	Sentry Farms	85†	...	2.2	3.3	∞
122	79	Sims Food	81	...	...	10.0	15.6
467½	395	Tate & Lyle	440	-7	...	3.7	11.8
254	200½	Tesco	212†	+8	...	4.6	9.6
198	162	Thorntons	179†	...	...	2.7	...
229	145	Treats	214	-1	...	2.3	17.4
434½	346	Unigate	388	+3	...	5.3	12.7
388	324	Utd Biscuits	359†	+11	...	5.3	15.2
21	18	Usborne	19½	...	...	3.4	14.4
422	270	Watson & Phil	370	-1	...	4.8	15.5
49	34	West Trust	40	+2	...	8.4	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

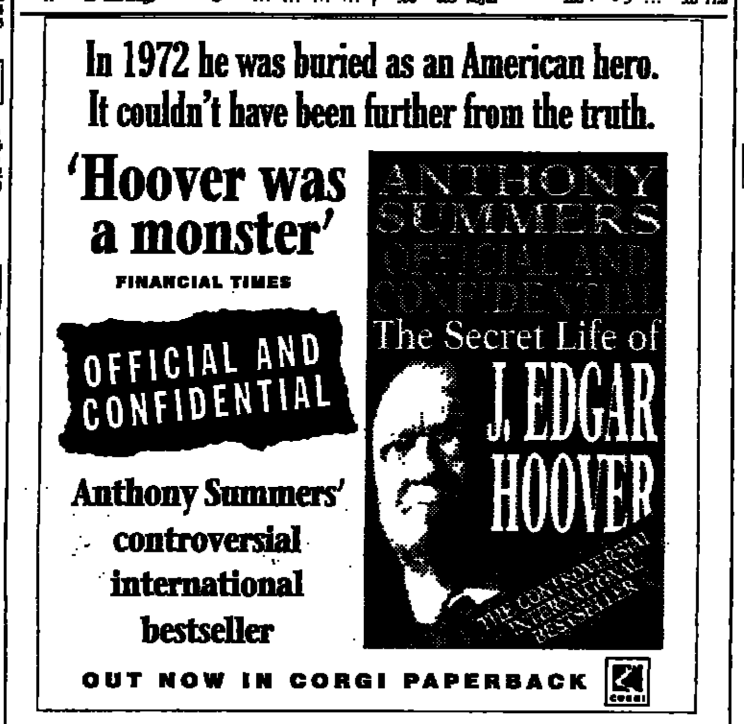
1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrdn Stk H	34	...	...	...	...
94	79	City Centre Res	83†	...	1.7	2.7	∞
285	232	Forte	240†	...	...	3.9	39.6
207	174	Friendly Hotels	184	...	5.7	3.9	∞
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	150½	...	...	4.2	12.2
217½	162½	Ladbroke	187†	-1	...	4.0	51.9
109½	83	Mandarin Orntl	84½	+½	...	4.0	∞
31	18½	Ryan Hotels E	26½	+1	...	4.8	∞
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1120†	...	...	0.4	...
92	60½	Stakis	89½	-1	...	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	44	+1	...	25.0	2.7
544	439	AAH	448	-2	...	4.9	14.9
185	140	AIM	174	...	...	3.4	21.3
138	116½	APV	133†	-½	...	5.1	...
198	157	ASW	198†	...	...	3.8	...
202	172	Adwest	194†	...	...	4.7	20.9
20½	16	Aerospace Eng	16	...	...	5.9	77.9
312	255	Airsprung	255	...	...	2.3	16.3
225	192	Alenda W	225†	...	5.6	3.1	∞
12	6½	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	312	...	...	2.4	17.4
72½	39	Alvis	69	...	...	1.8	12.4
745	705	Amber Ind	705	...	...	3.4	16.1
68	45	Amberley Gp	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
81	73	Anagen	76	...	...	...	...
95	68	Andrews Sykes	91	...	...	4.1	...
1785	998	Antofagasta	1325†	+25	...	1.6	∞
62	48	Armour	53†	...	...	3.9	12.3
175	168	Ash & Lacy	172†	+1	...	4.7	20.8
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	5	...	...	1.3	65.4
625	458	Avon Rubber	601	+2	...	3.4	21.2
300	265	Assoc Nursg	288	...	...	0.4	17.7
553	480	Atlas Equip	533†	...	22.0	5.2	∞
95	66	Ayrshire Metal	90†	...	1.5	2.1	∞
236	192	BBA	219†	-2	...	4.3	...
145	115	BLP Group	145†	...	1.0	0.9	∞
44	24½	BM Gp	40½	...	...	...	...
745	637	BOC	686	+9	...	4.2	27.0
86½	62	BSG	81†	...	3.2	4.9	∞
578	531	BSS Group	538	...	...	4.0	30.0
399	344	BTR	398†	+6	...	3.8	20.7
176	148	BWI	159†	+1	...	5.3	20.1
45½	29½	Babcock	37	...	...	4.1	22.1
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
270	228	Baird (Wm)	243	...	8.9	4.7	∞
487½	368½	Barlow	469½	...	...	1.0	8.5
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	77†	...	...	2.7	21.0
25½	19½	Bearing Power	23½	...	...	4.0	14.9
35	23	Beauford	28	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	13	Benson Group	13½	...	...	2.8	10.2
393	300	Bespak	315	...	10.2	4.0	9.9
91	68	Bibby (J)	75	-2	...	3.4	...
226	200	Biflam (J)	212†	...	...	3.1	13.2
32	26	Bilston Batsea	27	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Binsec Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	266	...	3.7	1.8	13.8
44	30	Black Arrow	38	...	2.1	6.9	11.9
283	248	Black (Peter)	248†	-1	3.8	2.0	19.4
863	543	Bluebird Toys	725†	...	...	2.8	7.7
329	262	Bodycote	297	...	5.2	2.2	∞
40	33	Bogod 'A'	36	...	0.7	2.4	13.4
601	504	Boots	546	+7	...	3.1	21.6
60	43	Booth Inds	44	...	...	...	...
524	430	Bowater	451†	+10	...	3.5	17.1
16½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1378½	-21½	...	...	...
297	257	Bramore Ind	271†	...	...	1.8	17.3
20	15	Brasway	17½	...	...	3.6	...
333	288	Brammer	333†	...	13.0	4.9	∞
31	22	Bridgend Gp	23	-1	...	0.4	...
163	120	Bridon	160	+3	...	3.2	∞
82	74	Bridport-Gndry	80†	...	...	3.5	...
57½	45½	Brierley Inv	51½	-½	...	6.6	12.7
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	220†	...	...	4.5	18.6
124	94	Br Bloodstock	94	...	...	...	...
515	435	Br Polythene	450†	...	...	3.2	15.8
156½	121½	Br Steel	151	+2	...	1.2	...
176	120	Br Thornton	129	...	...	4.8	13.4
302	244	Br Vita	302†	+7	...	3.1	25.3
182½	137½	Brixton Grp	165†	+6	...	1.4	∞
931½	779½	Broken Hill	797½	-15½	...	2.3	36.1
125	90	Bromsgrove Ind	109	...	...	5.0	14.2
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	-½	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	58	...	...	...	...
186	154	Bullough	168	...	...	4.5	73.5
16	11½	Business Tech	12	...	...	...	...
23	14	CI Group	16	...	0.5	4.5	15.4
54	35	Campbll & Arm	39	...	...	...	...
39	29½	Cannon St	34	...	...	...	∞
488	408	Cantab Pharms	462	...	...	...	...
294	254	Cape	274	...	...	4.8	18.5
455	343	Caradon	372†	+6	...	3.0	27.9
215½	170	-do- pf	178½	+1½	7.2	5.1	...
293	252	Carclo Eng	257	...	...	4.2	19.1
10	6½	Care UK	7	...	...	...	...
2446½	1940½	Carnaud Mtl	2081½	+37½	...	2.2	∞
104	80	Cassidy Bros	87	...	...	3.4	21.1
251	220	Castings	248	+1	4.6	2.3	17.5
66	42	Cathay Intl	42	...	...	...	...
233	213	Celtech	217½	...	...	...	...
200	170	Chamberlin Hill	200	+5	6.5	4.1	12.5
812	716	Charter	719	...	...	3.8	11.0
360	306	Chemring	315	...	...	3.6	16.3
60	46	Chieftain Gp	50†	...	...	8.8	10.0
52	38	Chillington	47	-1	1.0	2.7	...
246	204	Christies Int	204†	...	...	2.8	15.8
80	60	Clayhithe	60	...	...	1.2	∞
150	55	Clayton Son	127	...	...	5.2	...
455	400	Cohen (A)	425	...	3.4	0.9	...
297	242	Community H	274†	...	...	3.3	15.6
263	211	Concentric	238	+5	...	3.1	19.7
310	224	Cook (Wm)	285	...	6.0	2.6	17.3
285	233	Cookson	276†	+4	...	2.9	29.8
110	81	Copymore	105	+15	4.0	4.8	∞
167	147	Crowell Pkr 'A'	162	-1	...	4.4	21.9
157	109	Cosalt	154	+1	...	5.2	...
286	243	Creighton Nat	245	...	7.4	3.8	17.6
44	37	CrestaCare	39†	...	0.7	2.4	∞
4125	3556½	Dana	3582½	-31½	...	...	...
395	315	Danka Bs Sys	323	-1	...	0.6	30.7
286	244	David Brown	286	...	...	2.6	20.3
1021	848	De La Rue	919	...	...	2.6	22.1
52	36½	Dinkle Heel	46	...	...	3.9	11.8
628	539	Diploma	541	...	...	2.8	21.7
97	74	Dobson Park	74	...	...	6.3	16.8
134	105	Dyson (J&J)	106	...	5.0	5.9	19.5
97	78	-do- 'A'	78	...	5.0	8.0	14.3
16	13	EFG	14½	-½	0.1	0.9	∞
442	373	EIS	425	-1	12.3	3.7	∞
25	15	Eiblef	21	...	...	...	...
53	45	Elexo	47	...	...	...	...
3534½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3371½	+100	...	1.5	∞
91	69	Elliott (B)	80	-1	...	...	...
548	458	Eng China Cl	480†	...	...	5.1	28.5
146	125	Environed	137	...	...	...	...
3190½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	2996½	+53½	...	1.3	25.6
86	56	Eurocopy	67	-2	...	3.2	19.7
86	60	Expamet	82†	...	...	3.8	58.1
778	669	Fairey Group	725†	+2	11.8	2.0	∞
145	109	Fanner	138	...	...	...	...
110	82	Ferrauls Group	105	...	...	2.5	15.4
14	7	Ferrum	8½	...	...	...	...
78	58	Fife Indmar	63†	...	...	5.5	9.3
156	113	Fisons	155†	+6	...	3.5	...
60	41	Fitzwilton	51	-2	...	8.6	...
288	263	Flogas	275	...	...	3.8	12.2
51	38	Folkes Group nv	47	...	1.5	4.0	26.7
126	94	French (Thomas)	119	...	...	3.8	25.5
264	220	Frost Group	239†	...	4.9	2.6	∞
87	77	GEI Intl	85	...	...	3.6	...
632	510½	GKN	622‡	+6	...	4.1	37.3
69	49	GR Hldgs	64†	...	...	3.5	...
134	91	Garton Eng	123	...	...	4.7	32.4
191	139	Gestetner	154	-1	...	2.4	...
66	49	Glever	60	...	...	...	43.4
725	549	Glaxo	564	+11	...	5.3	13.4
46	35½	Glenchewton	43	...	...	...	...
404	352	Glynwed	375	-2	...	4.0	26.9
191	125	Goode Durrant	169	...	...	3.6	...
185	155	Grampian Hd	155†	...	5.5	4.4	∞
598	519	Granada	560	+4	...	2.0	22.1
482	452	Great Strns	472†	...	12.2	3.2	∞
85	72	Green (Ernst)	72†	...	...	12.2	13.2
15½	13½	Greenacre	13½	...	...	3.0	∞
6	6	Guardian Grp	6‡	...	...	...	...
84½	61	Haden MacLn	69†	-2	...	3.7	∞
114	90	Hadleigh	113	-1	1.0	1.1	...
76	63	Halkin Hldgs	63	...	...	...	49.2
320	253	Hall Eng	253	-4	...	4.7	14.5
256	219	Halma	229	+1	...	1.2	28.7
71	47	Hampson Ind	65	+2	1.7	3.3	21.5
302	257	Hanson	275	+4½	...	5.2	25.5
161	134	Harris (Philip)	134	...	...	6.4	8.1
220	186	Harrisn Crsfld	190†	...	...	5.9	27.2
179	121	Havelock Euro	176	-1	2.0	1.4	∞
48	36	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	35	...	...	2.5	...
511	376	Hepworth	381†	-3	...	4.9	19.8
206	154	Hewitt (J)	173†	-1	3.2	2.3	∞
73	52	High-Point	58	...	0.5	1.1	...
184½	152	Hill & Smith	158	...	...	4.5	18.2
28	16	Hobson	27‡	...	...	...	...
191	172	Holders Tech	184†	...	6.0	4.1	∞
63	39	Hopkinsons	59	...	0.9	1.9	44.6
216	176	Hornby	189†	...	...	6.0	17.3
103	78	Howden	95†	...	...	3.0	15.1
280	234	Hozelock	240	...	...	3.1	17.1
265	209	Hunting	209†	...	...	6.0	35.9
513	448	Hunslgh Tec	488	...	...	1.2	∞
370	326	IMI	352†	-3	...	3.6	29.5
138	119	ISA Intl	130†	...	1.6	1.6	∞
165	125	Intercare Gp	127	...	...	3.4	12.1
325	284	Isotron	310†	...	4.4	1.8	17.4
710	409½	Jardine Math	430½	-22½	...	3.5	∞
628	534	Johnson Mathh	615	-4	...	2.1	24.0
51	37	Johnson & FB	42	...	...	4.0	40.0
172	149	Johnston	172	...	2.0	1.5	∞
32	26	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	32	...	1.0	4.0	∞
189½	148½	Kalon	180½	+½	...	2.8	19.2
280	230	Kelsey Ind	274	...	...	3.6	...
805	730	Kershaw (A)	765	...	...	4.4	39.4
276	213	Kleeneze	213	...	...	0.6	68.9
436	341	Laird	432†	...	...	3.1	20.3
170	145	Lilleshall	158†	...	...	3.6	17.2
229	205	Lincat	217	...	...	3.6	15.3
51	30½	Lincoln Hse	43	...	...	...	21.9
150	95	Linread	148†	...	...	3.3	33.5
383	313	Linton Park	375	-3	...	5.2	∞
14	9½	Lionhurst	9½	...	...	4.0	21.1
20½	16½	Locker (T) A	16½	...	0.8	6.4	24.0
173	101	Lon Intl	102	+½	6.2	7.7	...
175½	129	Lonrho	143½	+2½	...	3.5	20.8
431	364	Low & Bonar	428†	...	...	2.9	19.7
49	42	ML Hldgs	43	...	...	...	...
67	55	MS Intl	58	...	...	5.4	35.6
70	45	MY Holdings	60†	-1	...	3.2	14.4
271	223	Macfarlane	232†	...	...	2.1	21.1
530	448	McKechnie	505	+1	...	3.7	24.0
127	105	McLeod Russel	110	...	...	6.9	16.2
104	91	Magnolia	93	...	0.1	0.1	∞
163	129	Mang Bronze	147†	...	...	3.0	16.6
26	19½	Marling	20	...	...	9.3	...
231	182	Mayborn	195†	...	...	3.7	13.6
64	53	Mayflower	58†	+4	...	2.9	∞
187	132	Medeva	143†	+1	2.7	2.4	∞
120	90½	Meggitt	108†	...	...	4.5	∞
132	116	Metalr	121	-2	...	4.2	17.8
128	103	Metrotec	112	...	...	3.6	15.6
128	99	Metsec	128	...	2.0	2.0	∞
134	95	Midstates	104	...	...	0.9	14.5
585	548	Molins	585†	+1	...	3.3	11.8
408	360	Morgan Cble	369†	...	...	4.3	18.8
217	176	Morris Ashby	213	...	5.7	3.3	16.1
51	34	Neepsend	41	...	1.0	3.0	53.0
80	63	Nestor-BNA	70†	...	...	5.6	15.7
274	214	Nobo Gp	267	...	5.3	2.5	26.4
212½	156	Norcros	163	+7	...	5.4	23.8
35	31	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
64	48	OMT Intl	55½	...	...	3.9	...
175	160	PCT	172	+2	7.2	5.3	19.5
88	66	Pacer Systems	88†	+2	...	5.0	31.8
43	31	Pascoes	35	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	93	...	...	4.3	43.0
310	220	Photo-Me	225	...	4.7	2.6	13.5
207	177	Pilkington	206	...	...	1.6	...
110	88	Plantsbrook	88†	...	3.4	4.8	∞
185	141	Polypipe	162	-2	...	1.7	20.8
25	16	Porter Chadburn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
341	225	Powerscreen	234	-3	...	3.6	12.2
23½	17½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	5.7	10.2
77	56	RPS Group	61†	-2	2.4	4.9	∞
108	82	Radiam Metal	100	...	...	...	...
174	143	Ramco Oils	167	...	1.0	0.7	55.9
447½	377	Rank Org	437	+6	...	3.5	23.7
26	13	Ransomes	20	...	...	...	...
723	595	Reckitt Colm	664†	+16	...	3.3	16.6
95	70	Record	83	...	...	5.6	18.1
5½	3½	Reece	4½	+½	...	...	...
291	245	Relyon	249	+1	...	2.6	45.4
308	268	Renishaw	280	...	...	2.9	38.2
153	126	Renold	145	+1	...	1.5	...
539½	430½	Reuters	520†	+1½	...	1.5	29.4
88	74	Rexmore	85	...	2.0	3.0	...
201	163	Ricardo Group	165†	...	...	4.5	18.4
73	68	Richard (Leics)	68	-1	3.7	6.9	...
104½	82½	Richardson Wst	94‡	...	...	4.3	18.6
170	130	Ropner	170	...	...	6.2	16.7
164	126	-do- 'A'	162	...	8.2	6.6	∞
24	15	Russ Gp	20	...	0.4	2.5	∞
195	170	Rotork	178†	...	...	3.0	∞
190	145	Rubicon	145	...	...	3.7	18.3
76	62	Russell (A)	76†	+2	...	2.9	27.0
38½	34½	SEP Indl	36	...	...	2.8	16.7
1340½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1328½	+71½	...	...	...
272	230½	Scapa	245	+1	...	2.9	18.3
210	180	Scholl	184†	...	...	4.3	14.9
291	242	Scoda	281	+2	...	...	...
1291	1146	Securicor	1203	...	...	0.3	35.3
1036	843	-do- 'A'	853	...	...	0.4	25.2
892	733	Security Serv	742	-5	...	1.0	28.1
150½	89½	Senior Eng	137½	...	...	3.1	∞
336	312	Senno Health	313	...	...	2.4	18.5
180	138	Shiloh	176	+1	3.5	2.5	∞
355	300	Sidlaw	355	+1	...	3.7	17.6
630	559	Siebe	620	+2	...	2.1	21.9
378	293	Silentnight	299	...	...	3.3	16.3
168	137	Sime Darby	161†	-4	...	3.0	17.8
130½	75	Simon Eng	124†	-1	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	220	...	...	4.0	17.8
60	35	Six Hundred	60	...	...	3.1	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	144½	+1	...	4.2	16.0
443	357½	Smithkline	375	...	...	3.7	14.5
407	322	Smithkne Uts	334	+1	...	4.1	13.1
527½	454	Smiths Ind	500	-1	...	3.1	19.9
104	75	Suhn Bus	85	...	...	5.5	4.4
600	466	Spandex	600	...	...	1.5	18.6
660	430	Spear (JW)	630	...	...	3.9	10.6
430	337	Spirax-Sarco	430†	...	...	2.9	20.9
81½	50½	Spring Ram	59½	...	...	1.1	∞
287	201	Staveley	213	...	...	5.0	12.0
242	197	Sterling Ind	236	...	...	3.3	34.6
220	180	Stater	195†	-2	...	5.9	17.3
604	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	489½	-6½	...	2.0	∞
4½	2½	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
56	48	Sykes-Pick	51	...	2.6	6.7	∞
178	148	Syltone	168	...	...	3.6	24.3
455	382	TI	411†	-2	...	3.4	23.6
44	31	TLS Range	35†	...	0.5	1.5	∞
389	330	TT Group	388†	...	...	2.1	∞
292	230	Talaire	260†	+4	2.0	1.0	22.7
852½	666	Takeda Chem	787½	+2½	...	0.8	14.9
61	36	Tex Hldgs	50	...	...	...	...
101	42	Tinsley (E)	92	...	...	7.6	15.9
230	217	Titona	220	...	...	2.4	28.3
283	234	Tomkins	254	+4	...	3.3	18.7
124	93	Trafalgar H	106	+2½	...	3.8	...
105	68	Transfer Tech	81†	...	3.3	5.1	∞
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	135	...	...	6.5	16.2
318	272	UniChem	277†	-1	6.5	2.9	∞
440	365	Unidare	370	...	...	2.8	20.1
54	34	Unigroup	40	...	...	...	...
1247	1006	Unilever	1091†	+1	25.0	2.9	∞
8118½	7006½	Unilever (NV)	7603½	+71½	...	2.7	∞
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
1093	858	VSEL	995	-15	...	3.8	10.7
31½	14½	Verson	19½	...	...	...	...
200	172	Vickers	190†	+5	...	1.9	24.9
327	284	Victaulic	309†	+1	...	3.2	17.0
522	481	Vinten	514	+3	...	1.9	16.6
805	661	Vosper Thorny	779	+2	...	2.6	18.1
65	37	WSP Hldgs	63†	+14	...	3.6	46.4
525	451	Wagon Ind	523	...	...	4.2	23.1
5	1½	Waterbourne	3½	...	...	...	19.1
114	97	Walker Greenbk	104	...	3.3	4.0	∞
304	254	Wassall	295†	+5	...	1.4	25.5
59	44	Watford Wdgwd	58	...	...	...	∞
365	303	Weir	345†	...	...	2.4	∞
704	498	Wellcome	510†	+11	...	5.2	10.8
40	22	Wellman	40	...	0.9	2.8	65.3
400	319	West Hldcare	333	-4	...	1.4	21.4
548	455	Whatman	521†	...	...	2.4	18.5
264	217	Whessoe	224	...	...	4.6	10.6
119	93	Whitecroft	118	...	...	...	...
13½	10½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
191	120	Wilkes (James)	180	...	...	1.0	∞
421	365	Williams Hldg	379†	-9	...	4.3	20.4
53	39½	Wilshaw	46	+½	...	1.5	24.0
975	830	Wolseley	896	+9	...	2.0	21.6
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155†	...	...	2.4	31.7
55	40	Wyko	55	+4	...	1.1	...
96	70	Young (H)	87	-1	...	4.7	...

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1497½	962½	Alex & Alex	962½	-18½	...	6.9	...
2043½	1693½	Am Gen	1693½	-56½	...	4.6	...
86	55	Archer	64	...	...	2.0	...
165	127	Bradstock	128	-2½	...	5.4	14.5
550	430	Britannic	434†	-1	15.7	2.9	∞
117	99	CLM Insce	99½	...	...	...	...
711	562	Com Union	562‡	-2	...	5.5	20.9
1950	1675	Dom & Gen	1915†	...	...	1.6	25.3
64	42	Fai	45	-1	...	1.1	...
194	163½	Fenchurch Grp	163½	...	...	5.5	14.6
757	585	Gen Accident	586†	-6	...	5.9	11.8
247	175	GRE	181†	...	...	5.2	2.4
457	371	Heath C E	377	...	...	3.3	...
257	122	Hogg Gp	255	...	5.6	2.8	∞
323	266	Independent Ins	266†	...	8.2	3.9	∞
303	174	JIB Group	192†	...	...	4.9	17.5
547	452	Legal & Gen	470†	-1	...	5.3	16.4
1353½	975	Liberty Life	1243½	-3½	...	2.5	19.9
119	99	LMIIT	100	...	...	...	...
471	383	Lloyds Abbey	401†	+2	...	5.6	12.9
310	269	Lloyd Thomp	279†	...	7.1	3.2	17.3
443	370	Londn & Man	370†	-5	...	5.3	18.1
472	427	Lowndes Lmb	427	...	14.0	4.1	15.3
5787½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5600	-68½	...	3.2	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	175	...	...	4.0	17.5
131	112	Ordel	123	...	...	5.2	∞
83	71	PWS	74	...	...	6.8	13.7
385	302	Prudential	319†	...	...	5.2	15.2
404	327	Refuge	329½	-5	...	4.4	24.0
350	253	Royal	260†	+3	...	3.6	11.8
222	176	Sedgwick	198	+3	...	3.8	22.3
155	105	Steel Burrill	144†	+1	...	7.8	∞
87	64	Sturge Hldgs	64	...	...	5.9	34.3
418	314	Sun Alliance	334†	...	...	5.5	15.2
96	75	Trade Indemnty	75†	...	...	0.8	16.7
464	350	Transatlantic	384‡	+1	...	3.0	35.1
673	510	Utd Friendly	515†	-18	16.5	4.0	∞
345	207	Willis Corroon	234	+1	...	3.5	20.7
28	21½	Windsor	25	...	...	...	19.6



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1782	Alliance	1834†	+11	...	3.2	...
479	428	Anglo & O'seas	437	...	...	2.0	...
161	140½	BZW Conv	152½	+½	7.8	6.4	...
219	190	Bankers	195½	+1	...	2.4	...
381	335	Baring Tribne	342	-1	...	2.4	...
249	198	Berry Starq	236†	+1	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	98½	Br Assets	103½	+1	...	5.2	...
98	90	Br Empire Sec	93½	-½	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	37	...	...	...	...
234	200	Br Inv	206	...	4.6	2.8	...
272	236	Brunner	237	...	...	2.8	...
221	199	Contl Asset	204	+2	...	1.8	...
161	147	Derby Inc	161	+2	...	12.2	...
325	278	-do- Cap	310	...	...	...	...
100	90	Drayton Blue	98	...	8.4	10.7	...
111	84	-do- Eng Intl	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
156	128	-do- Far East	146	-1	...	0.6	...
177	137	-do- Korea	147	...	0.5	0.4	...
784	686	Dunedin Inc G	704	+1	...	4.6	...
108	85	-do- Japan	100½	...	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	67	...	...	...	...
827	759	-do- Wwde	787	+1	...	1.5	...
341	301	Dundee & Lon	313	...	...	3.6	...
360	303	Edinburgh	312½	+½	...	3.6	...
354	299	Electra Inv	311	...	...	2.6	...
220	193	Electric Gen	199	...	3.1	2.0	...
127	116	English Scot	118	...	...	...	...
345	311	European Asset	311†	...	...	1.8	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	156	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	297	Fleming Amer	301	...	...	0.6	...
145	90	Fleming Chinese	91	-½	...	...	...
92	51	-do- Warrants	53	-½	...	...	...
287	220	-do- Claver	224½	...	...	3.1	...
385	324	Do Contl	359	+2	2.7	0.9	...
284	229	-do- Emp	229	...	...	2.6	...
459	327	-do- F East	359	...	1.1	0.4	...
422	365	-do- Fledg	396	+1	...	0.9	...
130	102	-do- Fl Inc	105	...	...	5.2	...
279	223	-do- Japan	270½	+1½	...	0.2	...
347	294	-do- Merc	306½	+½	6.7	2.7	∞
347½	295	-do- O'seas	301	+1	4.2	1.7	...
155½	134	Foreign & Col	141½	+½	...	1.6	...
148	105½	-do- Eng Mkts	112	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	67½	-do- Enterprise	68½	...	...	1.1	...
289	236½	-do- Eurotk	257	+3	...	0.6	...
145	121	-do- German	130	...	0.5	0.5	...
374	316	-do- Pacific	346†	-1	2.2	0.8	∞
192	174	-do- Smaller	183	+½	1.8	1.3	...
303	247	GT Japan	281	-1	...	0.6	...
200	175	Genl Cons Cap	191	-1	...	...	...
115	105	-do- Inc	108	+1	...	9.8	...
191	168	Govett Am Smlr	168	...	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Eng Mkts	111	-½	...	...	...
112	91	Govett High Inc	93	...	...	7.0	...
429	350	-do- Oriental	383	...	0.9	0.3	...
346	270	-do- Strategy	285	+1	...	3.0	...
475	423	Greenfriar	465	...	...	1.8	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	94	Herald	102	...	...	...	...
158	132½	Inv Cap	135	...	...	4.7	...
119	102	IHS UK Smlr	108	+1	2.8	3.2	...
243	205	Kleinwort Chr	217	+1	...	3.0	...
272½	238	-do- O'seas	246†	...	...	1.7	...
165	138	-do- Smlr	149†	...	...	2.9	...
826	714	Law Debenture	739†	+2	...	3.3	...
227	204	Majedie	209	-1	...	3.1	...
324	269	Merchants	269†	-1	...	5.1	...
89	85	Mercury Euro Pv	85	-½	...	...	...
125	103	-do- World Mng	105½	...	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wts	37	+½	...	...	...
2987½	2312½	Merrill Lynch	2412½	-18½	...	...	...
595	519	Monks Inv Tst	538	+1	...	1.6	...
158	142	Morg Gren Inc	144	...	...	3.9	...
64	46	Do Warrants	52	...	...	...	...
94	87	Do Latin Amer	93	+1	...	...	...
53	39	Do Warrants	48½	...	...	...	...
149	128	Murray Ent	134	...	...	1.9	...
1290	1245	-do- Pf 1994	1250	...	...	...	...
59	38	-do- Warrants	38	...	...	...	...
68	59½	Murray Euro	62†	...	0.2	11.6	∞
23½	16	Do Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	348	Murray Income	358	+1	11.3	3.9	∞
395	339	-do- Intl	358†	+1	...	4.1	...
548	477	-do- Small	482	...	...	1.2	...
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	88	...	...	15.5	...
174	138	-do- S/C Cap	149	...	...	...	...
3400	3150	-do- S/C Uts	3375	...	...	3.9	...
160	153	-do- S/C DP	155	+½	...	...	...
363	324	-do- Vent	330†	+2	...	4.2	...
95	78	Nthrng Inc	81†	+2	6.7	10.4	...
404	359	O'seas Inv Tst	372	...	...	1.1	...
241	193	Do Warrants	200	...	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	500	-3	...	0.3	...
542	335	Do Warrants	404	-5	...	...	...
9400	8675	Personal Assets	9000†	...	19.0	2.6	...
199	170	RIT Cap Pnr	177	+1	1.1	0.8	...
127	114	River & Merc	120	+1	...	9.6	...
440	455	Robeco	443	...	...	3.8	...
463	430	Rolinco	448	...	...	1.2	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	331†	...	...	2.0	...
181	162	Scot American	167	...	...	3.5	...
368	256	Scott Asian	276	-2	...	...	...
1070	753	do Warrants	795	-8	...	...	...
97½	82½	-do- Eastern	86†	...	...	2.3	...
262½	221	Scottish	231½	+1	...	2.6	...
264½	217	-do- Mtge	230	+1½	4.0	2.2	...
137½	116½	-do- Value	125	...	...	1.8	...
1795	1563	Second Allnce	1620	+11	...	3.0	...
106	92	Secs Tst of Scot	94	+½	3.2	4.4	∞
179	164	Selective Asset	164	...	...	1.1	...
51½	43	Sphere Inv	48½	-½	...	8.8	...
205	149	TR Far East	171	...	...	3.6	...
177½	145	TR City Of Lon	153†	-½	...	4.0	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	97½	-1	...	0.2	...
43½	34½	TR Property	39½	...	0.9	2.8	...
152	115	TR Tech Inv	135	+1	1.7	1.6	...
228	197	TR Smlr Cos	222	+1	...	2.4	...
412	349	Temple Bar	355	...	...	4.8	...
135	105	Thmsn Asian E	109	-1	0.5	0.6	∞
101	79	Throgmorton	81	...	...	3.5	...
553	468	Thmn Dual Cp	490	...	...	...	...
289	245	USDL Invest	249	...	...	2.3	...
129	114	Value Inc Tst	117	+½	4.0	4.3	...
257½	228	Witan	230	-½	...	3.1	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	448	Airtours	448	-18	...	2.5	15.3
46½	29½	Ald Leis	35	...	...	14.4	8.5
177	161	Alpha Airpts	173	+1	...	2.9	∞
668	428	Anglia TV	645	...	...	1.8	29.9
131	55	Baldwin	119	+11	...	3.7	15.6
333	267	Burr & W 'A'	305	...	...	4.1	13.4
1425	1155	Boosey Hwks	1425†	...	25.0	2.3	∞
235	133	Border TV	150	+2	3.6	3.0	12.2
6½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	-½	...	...	...
148	100	Bristol Scott	120	...	...	...	...
7½	5½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
74	44	Campari	46	...	...	...	...
430	325	Capital Radio	426	+1	...	1.7	37.6
1047	530	Carlton Comm	903	-7	...	2.6	20.7
300	248	Castle Comm	255†	...	...	3.9	18.0
163	114	Chrysalis	161	...	3.2	2.5	...
374	305	Compass Gp	310	-6	...	2.8	17.2
285	232	Luncamp	269	+1	9.7	4.5	11.1
457½	346	Euro Disney	381½	+6	...	3.0	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
419	308	Fairline Boats	370	...	...	3.5	34.8
350	281	First Leisure	327	+4	...	2.5	22.2
478	340	Flextech	340	...	0.5	0.2	...
1033	675	GWR Gp	1010	+2	...	1.1	36.6
309	229	Grampian	256	+3	6.5	3.1	17.9
22	15	Greenwich Comm	16	...	...	...	...
161	106	HTV Group	132	...	1.0	1.0	∞
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	89	-1	...	3.2	...
18½	11½	Kurnick	15½	...	...	...	...
752	605	LWT Hldgs	737	+5	...	0.8	34.1
702	539	Man Utd	690†	...	...	3.6	27.8
51	34	Northern	45	...	...	...	8.7
130	81	Owners Abrd	112	-1	...	3.7	...
91	70	The Pelican Gp	91	...	1.1	1.5	21.3
183	173	Prism Leisure	173	...	3.5	2.5	16.1
43	34	Quadrant Grp	34	...	...	...	...
247	205	Ramsdens (H)	247	+2	...	2.3	35.6
628	395	Scott Radio	560	+8	...	2.1	24.9
574	438	Scot TV	439†	...	12.4	3.5	∞
40½	28½	SelecTV	31½	-½	...	...	...
118	65	Southern Radio	116	...	...	1.3	51.4
350	290½	Stanley Leisure	317	...	...	2.1	25.7
153	125	Sunset & Vine	131‡	...	3.5	3.3	30.0
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
2½	1½	Ticketing	2	...	...	...	19.6
99	75	Tottenhm Hot	90	...	...	2.8	34.4
182	85	Trans World	167	+1	1.3	1.0	60.9
760	518	Ulster TV	614‡	+7	15.0	3.1	∞
149	112	Vardon	138†	...	1.1	1.0	∞
375	150	Yorkshire TV	314	+1	...	1.3	...
125	110	Zenith Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	2509½	Ang Am	3284½	+21½	...	2.0	27.6
2281½	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2237½	-43½	...	4.1	11.6
6518½	4590½	Ang Am Gold	5278½	-50	...	4.2	23.6
36	29	Anglo Pac Res	33½	...	...	...	...
404	298	Bakyrchik	322	-7	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	118½	+3	...	...	...
37	26½	Bracken	29½	...	...	3.1	5.2
898	580½	Buffels	622½	+14½	...	10.4	5.5
6	2½	Bute	2½	...	...	...	...
930½	787½	CRA	796½	-12½	...	2.6	25.4
55½	36	Cluff Res	47	...	...	...	∞
1750	1318½	De Beers	1568½	+68½	...	3.5	16.6
148	88	Deelkraal	99½	-½	...	2.0	7.3
74	30½	Doornfontein	39½	+1½	...	...	...
914	665½	Driefontein	750½	+1½	...	4.4	12.4
776½	549½	Durban	680½	+31	...	...	...
170	107	E Rand Gold	124½	+3	...	15.9	∞
122½	71	E Rand Prop	74½	...	...	...	...
449	300½	Elandsrand	336	+7½	...	5.8	∞
1239	741½	FS Cons	829½	+5½	...	9.1	∞
57	27	FS Dev	36	-1	...	...	...
1800	1193½	GFSA	1362½	+6½	...	2.0	22.9
152½	108½	Gencor	136	+2½	...	4.9	15.2
80½	59½	GM Kalgoorli	61½	-3½	...	2.3	25.1
18½	14	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	126	+3	...	7.9	7.9
476	319½	Harmony	328½	+8½	...	...	...
430	271½	Hartles	312	-4½	...	9.1	7.7
21½	14	Inoco	15	...	...	...	12.4
1028½	831½	Impala Plat	928½	-3½	...	3.0	30.4
16½	9½	Kenmare Res	13½	+½	...	...	...
1315½	890½	Kinross	1028½	+21½	...	6.0	11.4
898½	576½	Kloof	668	+10½	...	3.7	7.9
137	69½	Leslie	88½	-½	...	12.8	4.7
233	176½	Loraine	192½	+2½	...	...	...
1125	867½	Lydenburg	950½	...	...	...	...
155½	118	MIM	133½	-4½	...	1.7	58.0
1556	1227	Minorco	1258†	-18	...	3.0	15.1
201½	150	Nth Brkn Hill	159	-4	...	3.1	24.4
899	790	RTZ	840†	+6	...	3.1	23.9
268½	187½	Rand Mines	268½	...	...	4.0	10.1
801½	554	Randfontein	647½	+10½	...	6.3	6.5
285	215	Renison	220	-2	...	2.1	22.8
1346½	1100	Rustnbrg	1178½	+3½	...	2.7	26.0
756	540½	St Helena	556	+2½	...	7.6	11.7
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1984½	+3½	...	4.7	21.5
108½	73	Stilfontein	108½	+3	...	19.1	30.2
160	90	Unisel	101½	-½	...	4.4	9.7
7600	5065½	Vaal Reefs	5575	-15½	...	4.8	8.6
634½	509½	Western Areas	551	-5½	...	4.8	3.8
3362½	2268½	Western Deep	2365½	-25	...	4.7	7.9
398	307½	Wstrn Mining	321½	-5½	...	1.7	...
1225	612½	Winkels	656½	+15½	...	7.0	6.3
66	50	Zambia Copper	53	-1	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	53	...	...	8.8	17.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
278	233	Abbey Panels	278	...	...	...	...
115	110	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
175	134	Appleyard	144†	+3	5.5	4.8	∞
405	330	Bletchley Mtr	365‡	...	...	3.4	∞
235	180	Bostrom	235†	...	6.0	3.2	∞
584	390	Br Aerospace	483†	+5	...	2.1	42.4
57	45	Burndene	55	...	...	4.0	14.8
465	400	Caffyns	410	...	11.5	3.5	21.7
22	13½	Caverdale	16½	...	0.1	1.1	∞
130	108	Central Mtr	109	...	...	4.6	27.0
43	32½	Cook (DC)	39	...	0.9	2.0	22.1
348	281	Cowie (T)	331	-1	...	3.0	18.4
192½	127	Dag Motors	168‡	...	...	4.7	∞
157	121	Davnprt Vern	121	...	...	4.3	12.0
332	275	ERF	323	...	3.0	0.8	...
173	135	European Mtr	162	...	...	2.9	22.8
552	408	Evans Halshaw	526½	...	...	3.1	21.8
308	235	FR Group	308	+3	...	3.1	∞
4718½	3612½	Ford Motor	3843½	-37½	...	...	...
4387½	3650	General Mtr	3762½	-75	...	1.4	...
90	60	Gowrings	73†	...	2.0	3.4	∞
342½	266½	Henlys	298‡	...	...	3.1	20.5
1165½	918½	Honda Motor	1092½	-2½	...	0.8	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	...
176	80	Jessups	103	...	4.5	5.5	...
184	156½	Kwik-Fit	166½	...	...	2.9	19.1
573	445	Lex Service	541‡	...	...	2.9	∞
276	162	Lookers	245‡	...	...	3.3	23.9
239	189	Lucas	212†	+2	...	4.1	...
29½	25	Malaya Grp	27	...	...	...	...
310	261	Pendragon	300†	+1	...	3.0	21.3
238	175	Perry Gp	222	-1	7.0	4.0	∞
218	156	Quicks Group	185†	...	...	3.4	∞
190	161	Rolls-Royce	190‡	+3	...	3.1	35.1
256	208	T & N	247	...	...	5.5	28.2
308	263	Trinity Hldgs	308	+18	6.2	2.6	∞
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	205†	...	...	2.6	24.1
338	253	Wendand	334	...	...	1.7	23.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	287	+12	5.7	2.5	20.4
335	335	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.2	∞
402	308	Blenheim Gp	351	...	10.2	3.7	∞
413	366	Bristol	401	...	...	3.7	36.2
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1468½	...	...	1.3	34.4
1484½	1109½	Daily Mail 'A'	1209½	...	...	1.5	28.3
296	260	Dorling Kind	292†	...	...	1.4	26.4
6712½	5843½	Elsevier	5890½	+28½	...	3.2	∞
476	405	EMAP	405	...	...	2.5	25.0
1665	1450	Euromoney Pb	1665	+22	...	2.9	29.3
194	154	Harrington K	157	-10	4.9	4.0	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	448†	...	...	2.0	25.3
408	340	Hodder H'line	386†	-1	5.0	1.6	∞
180	120	Home Cnties	145†	...	4.5	3.9	∞
208	161	Intl Bus Comm	201†	...	...	1.2	1.2
15	10½	Inv Cm & Data	11½	...	...	...	...
510	410	Independent	500†	...	...	2.8	17.2
669	551	Johnston Press	663‡	...	7.0	1.3	∞
429	338	Metal Bulletin	439	...	...	2.9	24.9
174	162	Midland Ind	171	-1	...	2.0	23.4
203	166	Mirror Gp	173	...	...	...	12.6
514½	424½	News Corp	440½	-3½	...	0.3	...
314	264	News Intl	270†	-1	...	0.6	16.6
735	605	Pearson	647†	...	...	2.5	25.0
760	670	Portsmth Sund	747	...	...	1.6	20.6
964	818	Reed Int	825†	+2	...	2.8	25.0
249	187	Southnews	240	...	2.3	1.2	44.4
200	160	Sterling Pub	181†	-1	...	3.1	22.1
617	482	Telegraph	610‡	-1	...	2.7	19.9
885	785	Thomson Corp	823	...	30.1	4.6	41.1
472	436	Trinity Intl	443‡	...	...	2.7	21.0
43	21	Unit Group	41	...	...	...	...
731	623	Utd Nwspaprs	631†	-2	...	4.4	17.3

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
31½	24½	Aran Energy	29½	+½	...	...	28.7
53	35	Arcon Intl	50	...	...	...	...
74½	58	Aus Oil & Gas	69	-½	...	...	...
67	50	Arwa Pet	54	+1	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6	...	...	...	99.6
346	300	Br Borneo	345†	+2	...	3.6	12.7
358	289½	British Gas	295	-2½	...	6.3	...
406½	340	Br Petroleum	399†	+9	...	2.6	33.4
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
875	811	Burmah Castrl	837†	+5	...	4.1	17.4
69	56	Cairn Energy	69	+1	...	...	9.9
375	315	Calor Gp	331	...	...	4.8	16.6
51	33	Clyde Pet	40	...	...	...	...
30	19½	Copley Res	22½	+1½	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gas	23½	-½	...	...	25.4
486	398	Enterprise	445†	-6	...	4.5	27.6
80	28	Exp Co Louis	74	...	...	...	...
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	24½	+½	...	4.9	10.1
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
73	54	Goal Pet	73†	+2	...	2.4	19.2
41	31	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
177	149½	Hardy O & G	164	+4	...	0.8	15.3
55	40	Kelt Energy	47	...	...	...	...
169	110½	LASMO	162½	+9½	...	1.0	...
73	51	-do- Units	59†	+4	9.4	20.0	...
9½	2	Mid Scot Res	3½	...	...	...	...
64½	55	Monument	60½	+½	...	...	...
7	4½	New London	5	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	43	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petroz	30½	+½	...	...	...
167	151	Pict Pet	163	+4	...	...	...
31½	21½	Premier	31	+2	...	...	16.5
158	118	Presidio	128	...	...	4.2	...
438	325	Ranger	435	-1	...	1.7	...
7700	1681½	Royal Dtch Fl	7846½	+84½	...	4.2	23.4
4084½	3481½	Schlumberger	3710	-29½	...	2.2	...
58	54	Seafield	56	+1	...	...	∞
749	651	Shell	736†	+8	...	4.1	22.7
187	130	Sunrise Eng Sr	130	...	...	...	...
19	14½	Villers Grp	15	...	...	...	...
229½	178½	Woodside	205½	-1	...	1.9	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	162	AG Holdings	162	...	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
444	395	API	395	...	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
304	237	Arjo Wiggins	301	+½	...	[illegible]	[illegible]
730	540	Abbott Mead	633†	...	10.5	2.1	∞
28½	17½	Aegis Gp	20½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Comms	171†	...	4.9	3.0	∞
26	18	BBB Design	19	...	...	...	...
472	414	Bemrose	437†	...	11.7	3.4	∞
17½	8½	Birkdale	10½	+½	...	...	...
196	145	Bunzl	180†	-1	...	2.9	22.2
430	352	CIA Gp	387†	...	5.1	1.7	∞
179	129	Capital Inds	147†	...	...	...	∞
41	26	City of Lon	36	...	...	6.3	14.0
439	304	Cropper (James)	399	...	3.2	3.0	34.5
114	88	Delyn Group	108	...	1.6	1.9	14.5
177	104	Dolphin Pack	116†	...	4.5	4.5	∞
63	36	Dudley Jenkins	38	...	...	5.0	17.7
15½	12½	Elcoa	15½	...	...	2.5	17.1
101	75	Fairway Group	94	...	...	4.5	19.2
439	361	Ferguson Intl	395	-3	...	4.2	17.9
145	136	Frm Pick	145†	...	...	4.9	...
227	188	Filofax	214	...	...	0.5	27.6
17½	8	Fitch	12	+1	...	...	...
149	141	Gibbon Lyons	141	...	5.2	4.6	14.8
225	171	Gold Greenlees	177	...	8.4	6.0	19.0
34	23	Goodhead	28	...	...	1.2	∞
30	15	Huntleprint	21	...	...	...	...
162	130	Interleaspr	147†	...	...	6.6	13.1
240	223	Jarvis Porter	240	...	...	2.2	20.1
33½	22	Lopex	25†	...	...	1.2	29.4
36½	29½	MAI	30½	...	...	...	...
438	357	More O'Ferrall	391†	...	15.2	4.3	∞
146	118	NMC Group	119	...	2.7	3.9	14.2
300	230	Osborne A Little	289	+1	...	2.2	21.6
61	32	Oyster Comms	50	...	...	11.2	...
648	511	Portals	614	-1	...	4.2	32.2
3	2	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
330	296	Quarto	311†	...	6.1	2.4	∞
412	322	St Ives Gp	380†	...	...	1.1	30.2
156	127	Saatchi	130	...	...	...	27.6
642½	464½	Sapei	542½	+1½	...	5.1	12.2
30½	18	Seril	27	...	...	...	...
57	27½	Shandwick	50½†	...	...	...	7.9
573	508	Smith David	564	+1	...	2.2	...
361	296	Smurfit (Jeff)	328	-2	...	1.6	...
119	103	Sonic	109	-1	2.5	2.9	44.7
254	210	Sta-Plus	234†	...	6.5	4.1	∞
73	29½	Taylor Nelson	58½	...	4.4	1.9	∞
151	125	VTR	146	...	...	1.2	22.1
129	89	WPP	125	-3	...	1.9	19.0
354	182	Ware	236†	-1	...	1.9	21.1
300	244	Waddington (J)	251	-1	...	4.0	18.5
511	409	Waterlough	464	-1	...	1.3	21.2
5	3	Westport	3½	...	...	...	...
44	29	Whinney Mcke	31	-1	...	...	...
108	96	Wyndham	106	...	...	1.7	25.1

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	106	Allied Lon	113†	...	...	4.0	15.2
48	37	Arcadian	41	...	...	...	...
10½	6	Ascot Hldgs	6½	-½	...	...	...
144	107	Arda	130	...	2.2	2.1	∞
191	145	Avonside	146†	...	...	3.5	∞
2575	2320½	BCE	2353½	-6½	...	...	...
765	589	Billton	599†	...	...	4.1	21.5
108	72	Bourne End	100	...	...	1.3	∞
276	213	Bradford	239	...	5.9	3.1	24.2
22½	12	Brelem	17	-½	...	...	...
474	391	Br Land	405	+4	...	2.2	56.0
276	208	Brixton	224	-6	...	4.6	30.1
118	90½	Burford	100	...	...	1.8	22.2
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	129†	...	...	1.0	∞
315	230	Cardiff Prop	315	...	...	1.0	70.5
185	152	Chelsfield	165	+2	...	1.5	∞
678	584	Chesterfield	600	...	11.5	2.4	42.9
84	36	City Site Ests	81	...	...	...	...
34	22	Clarke Nickolls	25	...	...	...	52.2
285	285	Conspec	298	...	12.9	6.0	...
56	38	Conrad Rhtz GS	43	...	...	...	...
1755	1458	Daejan	1600	-8	...	2.1	19.5
25½	5	Dares Estates	15	...	...	...	...
156	123	Debenham Twsn	125	...	...	1.2	24.1
17	10	De Morgan	12	...	...	...	...
169	167	Dencora	169	...	3.3	2.5	∞
723	588	Derwent Hldgs	603†	...	...	2.0	25.9
41	30½	Development Sec	37½	...	...	...	...
65	53	Dwyer	59	...	...	...	...
460	370	Estates Agency	440†	...	...	3.0	53.2
47	18	Estates Gen	32½	-½	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	106	...	...	2.5	15.7
43½	34½	Ex-Lands	35	...	...	1.2	...
37	30½	Five Oaks	30½	...	...	0.6	...
78	66	Fletcher King	72	...	1.0	1.7	47.7
536	440	Frogmore	474†	...	...	4.3	21.9
325	228	Grainger	295	+4	...	2.2	52.3
260	198	Gr Portland	214	-1	...	4.7	20.5
23½	16½	Greycoat	17½	-½	...	...	...
269	177½	HK Land	190½	-6½	...	4.6	∞
94	65	Hambro Cntys	69	...	0.7	1.4	∞
436	347	Hammerson	386†	...	...	3.2	44.2
378	298	Helical Bar	363†	...	5.8	2.0	∞
40½	35½	Hemingway	35½	...	...	1.4	...
78	54	Herring Baker	54	...	1.5	3.5	∞
315	136	Jermyn	245	...	...	...	...
792	621	Land Sec	668	+3	23.1	4.3	19.9
122	96	Lon Merch Sec	98	-1	4.0	5.1	15.2
16	9	Lon & Metro	15	...	...	...	...
562	441½	MEPC	478	+1	...	5.2	27.5
13½	6½	McInerney A	10½	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	174	...	3.5	2.5	21.9
81	71	Merivale Mre	72	...	...	...	...
55	35	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	3.4	∞
1425	1265½	Mountview	1271½	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
196	162	Mucklow (A&J)	163	...	...	4.5	23.2
59	38	OEM	39	...	...	...	...
64	43	Olives Prop	44†	...	...	...	...
2½	1½	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
191	149	PSIT	157	-1	4.3	3.5	31.1
399	325	Peel	335	...	4.3	1.6	...
12½	6	Power Corp	6	...	...	...	...
50	30	Property Trust	44	+7	...	...	12.5
54	40	Raglan	46½	...	...	...	...
40	30	Regalian	33	...	...	...	...
175	140	Rowlinson Secs	165	...	1.5	1.1	20.6
134	115	Rugby Est	134	+11	...	2.1	...
64	48	St Modwen Prp	51	...	...	2.5	21.4
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	66	...	...	5.1	25.5
100	80	Savills	92	...	...	2.4	35.4
108	85	Scot Met	99	...	...	2.0	...
135	115	Shaftesbury	120	...	...	...	...
17½	11½	Shield	17	...	...	...	8.9
307	242	Slough Estates	249†	-1	...	4.1	40.9
103	69	Southend Prop	69	...	...	4.3	...
50	25	Stanhope Prps	35	...	...	...	...
39	35	TBI	36	...	...	...	...
244	223	Tops Ests	221	-3	2.1	1.2	76.9
163	132	Town Centre	138	...	...	3.2	24.5
107	91	Trafford Park	100†	...	...	3.6	23.0
58	31	UK Land	35	...	...	...	...
10½	8½	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
317	243	Warner	271	-1	...	5.1	24.1
255	218	Warnford	255	+3	7.5	3.2	16.7
7½	1½	Waterglade	2	...	...	...	...
104	76	Wates	77	...	...	...	...
105	82	Wood John D	93	...	...	1.0	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	41	...	...	...	...
231	200	Headlam	219†	...	...	1.8	∞
405	315	Lambert	315†	...	13.7	5.5	∞
75	55	Pittards	74†	...	...	1.7	...
26	21	Strong & Fisher	23†	...	...	5.4	15.7
250	227	Stylo	236	...	...	2.2	∞
67	57	UK Safety	63†	...	...	5.2	17.2

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	514	Allied Text	599	+1	...	2.9	19.3
71	56	Beckman (A)	58†	...	...	7.7	12.4
47	36	Bolton Gp	43	...	...	...	...
226	183	Br Mohair	196†	...	...	5.4	26.6
68	38	Charwell	48	-3	...	...	...
385	310	Claremont Ga	357†	...	3.1	2.8	...
590	451	Courtauld Tex	549†	-1	...	3.2	19.3
35	11	Cupid	18	-½	...	...	...
165	134	Dawson	166	...	...	5.8	12.6
36	31	Drummond	31	...	...	...	...
80	72	Faupel	72	...	4.9	8.5	11.1
29	24	Foster (John)	26	...	...	...	...
168	173	Gaskell	153	...	...	3.5	...
240	222	Hicking Pntcst	227	+2	...	2.3	16.1
73	58	Jerome (S)	65	-4	0.5	1.0	∞
485	395	Lamont	443	...	12.5	3.6	∞
340	313	Leeds	313	...	...	2.3	16.5
101	78	Lyles (S)	80	...	...	4.4	...
212	125	Magellan	174†	...	1.4	1.0	...
266	193	Parkland	248	-7	...	0.0	...
112	96½	Readicut	97	-½	...	4.4	16.3
70	51	SEET	61	-1	...	...	...
146	124½	Sirdar	128†	...	...	5.7	9.5
64	54	Stirling Gp	56	...	1.9	4.1	16.1
46	35	Stoddard	36	...	...	5.2	31.5
330	275	Tomkinsons	315	...	...	4.6	26.7
49	34	West Trust	40	+2	...	8.4	...
280	239	Yorklyde	268	-4	6.0	2.8	∞

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	435½	BAT	461†	+4½	...	5.5	12.9
480	386	Rothmans	408	+15	...	3.8	12.9

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
622	541	Assoc Br Ports	555†	+8	...	2.1	26.5
1083	965	BAA	994	+15	...	2.1	24.4
128	111	Badgerline	123	...	...	4.2	...
496½	399	Br Airways	420	+8	...	3.2	17.6
108	80	Clarkson (H)	91	...	1.7	2.7	∞
665	448	Eurotunnel Uts	485	+15	...	...	...
87	55	Fisher (James)	58	...	...	...	...
310	253	IoM Steam	302†	...	...	3.6	11.5
58	39	Jacobs (JI)	58†	...	3.3	7.1	∞
111	94	Lon O'Seas Frts	94	...	...	1.1	17.2
534	443	Mersey Docks	448†	...	...	2.5	22.6
322	245	Natl Express	298†	...	...	3.1	∞
297	274	NFC	232†	-3	...	3.8	25.6
348	263	Ocean Group	280†	...	...	6.2	14.6
91	71	Ocean Wilson	83	...	4.0	6.0	15.0
743	612½	P & O Dfd	715†	-12	...	5.3	∞
163	153	P & O 5 1/2%	161	+2	...	4.2	...
705	631	Powell Duffryn	678	-3	...	4.2	21.5
96½	88	Sexton	96	+6	...	3.0	21.8
206	158	Stagecoach	195	...	...	2.4	23.7
121	85½	TNT	98	+½	...	...	...
915	803	Tibbet & Britten	878†	+5	14.2	2.0	∞
79	33	Tiphook	33	-1	...	...	...
327	240	TDG	240†	-4	...	4.9	16.1
132	98	Ugland	124	...	...	...	...
160	151	Utd Carriers	151	...	...	...	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	480	Anglian Water	488	+3	...	5.5	5.7
365	340	Mid Kent Hdgs	343	...	...	3.9	12.7
751	596	Northumbrian	591	...	...	4.9	6.9
611	487	North West	508	+5	...	5.4	5.4
645	507	Severn Trent	513	+4	...	5.5	7.5
682	500	Sthrn Water	533	+1	...	5.1	7.8
1595	1525	Sth Staffs	1550	...	48.5	3.9	11.0
675	505	South West	517	+2	...	5.9	8.3
611	479	Thames Water	482	+2	...	5.6	8.4
744	608	Welsh Water	623	+5	...	4.8	6.3
759½	605	Wessex Water	611	-3	...	4.5	9.7
630	494	Yorkshire W	508	+10	...	5.4	8.4

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend, ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ¿ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited. ... No significant data.

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Exch 13¾% 1994	100	...	13.50	...
102	100	Treas 10% 1994	100	...	9.94	5.01
104	102	Exch 12½% 1994	102	...	12.21	5.06
103	102	Treas 9% 1994	102†	...	8.82	5.14
107	104	Treas 12% 1995	104	...	11.44	5.22
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	97†	...	3.07	4.86
107	105	Exch 10¼% 1995	105	...	9.73	5.76
113	109	Treas 12¾% 1995	109	...	11.62	6.04
117	112	Treas 14% 1996	112	...	12.43	6.22
121	116	Treas 15¼% 1996	116†	...	13.10	6.47
117	112	Exch 13¼% 1996	112†	-	11.75	6.49
112	107	Conv 10% 1996	107†	-	9.33	6.89
121	115	Treas 13¼% 1997	115	...	11.50	7.06
114	108	Exch 10½% 1997	108	+	9.67	7.11
110	104	Treas 8¾% 1997	104	+	8.39	7.26
131	122	Exch 15% 1997	123	+	12.19	7.39
114	106	Exch 9¾% 1998	107	+	9.09	7.48
106	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	99	+	7.28	7.39
102	96	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	+	6.87	7.24
131	121	Treas 14% 1998-01	121	+	11.51	7.60
140	127	Treas 15½% 1998	129	+	12.00	7.59
125	116	Exch 12% 1998	116†	+	10.34	7.74
116	105	Treas 9½% 1999	107	+	8.87	7.65

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	92	Treas 6% 1999	93†	+	6.42	7.49
128	116	Exch 12¼% 1999	117	+	10.41	7.82
121	109	Treas 10½% 1999	111†	-	9.44	7.77
121	109	Conv 10¼% 1999	110†	-	9.26	7.83
116	105	Conv 9% 2000	105	+	8.52	7.75
136	123	Treas 13% 2000	124	+	10.47	7.97
108	95	Treas 7% 2001	95†	+	7.31	7.75
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	110	+	9.04	7.95
123	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	+	8.83	8.00
113	100	Treas 8% 2003	100	...	7.94	7.87
127	113	Treas 10% 2003	113	+	8.85	7.98
129	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	117	+	9.81	8.17
86	74	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75	+	4.64	6.90
105	92	Treas 6¾% 2004	92†	+	7.27	7.75
129	110	Conv 9½% 2004	111	+	8.55	7.91
125	110	Conv 9½% 2005	111	+	8.52	7.92
143	126	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127†	...	9.80	8.26
111	99	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	-	8.00	7.99
112	98	Treas 7¾% 2006	99	-	7.81	7.84
136	120	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	+	9.68	8.25
119	104	Treas 8½% 2007	105	+	8.10	7.87
151	133	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	-	10.02	8.26
124	108	Treas 9% 2008	109	-	8.23	7.89

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	99	Treas 8% 2009	101	+	7.91	7.89
126	109	Conv 9% 2011	110	+	8.15	7.86
127	109	Treas 9% 2012	110	+	8.12	7.85
93	77	Treas 5½% 2008-12	80	+	6.87	7.61
114	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	99	+	7.76	7.82
117	100	Treas 8% 2013	101	+	7.88	7.82
159	137	Exch 12% 2013-17	138	+	8.65	8.02
128	108	Treas 8¾% 2017	109	+	7.97	7.81

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	43	War Ln 3½%	45†	+	7.76	...
37	29	Treas 2½%	30	-	8.16	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	136	Treas IL 2% 1994	138	...	...	...
203	198	Treas IL 2% 1996	199	+	2.14	3.26
112	107	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	-	2.42	3.26
176	167	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168	+	2.85	3.26
173	164	Treas IL 2½% 2003	165†	+	2.96	3.39
118	111	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112	+	2.96	3.27
184	172	Treas IL 2% 2006	173	+	3.04	3.29
168	155	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157†	+	3.18	3.40
175	161	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163	+	3.23	3.42
146	137	Treas IL 2½% 2013	134	+	3.28	3.46
157	142	Treas IL 2½% 2016	143	+	3.33	3.50
152	137	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137	-	3.39	3.53
129	114	Treas IL 2½% 2024	115	-	3.39	3.52
128	114	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	114	+	3.41	3.54

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge. Middx UB8 1RZ				
0895 259 783				
Growfund Aster	160.70	169.20	- 0.90	..
Growfund Equity	237.70	251.60	- 0.40	1.39
Growfund Euro	203.30	214.00	+ 1.10	0.05
Growfund Expt Bal	116.20	120.50	+ 1.00	1.40
Growfund Gilt	76.24	78.60	+ 0.19	4.70
Growfund Japan	187.30	197.10	- 1.50	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry				
0203 553 231				
General Acc	534.70	558.20P	+ 3.60	2.43
General Inc	468.80	488.80P	+ 3.10	2.43
UK Growth Acc	358.10	377.80P	+ 1.40	2.65
UK Growth Inc	346.60	363.40P	+ 1.10	2.65
Higher Inc Acc	646.50	687.80P	+ 2.00	3.76
Higher Inc Inc	581.60	406.00P	+ 1.20	3.76
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	182.40	192.60P	- 0.40	8.05
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	91.02	96.14P	+ 0.18	8.05
Nth America	263.30	258.90P	- 0.90	....
Far East	359.30	382.30P	+ 4.40	....
Europe	275.20	292.80P	- 0.60	0.64
Brit Exempt	70.41	74.91	+ 0.20	2.87
Brit Fndmtls Acc	97.38	103.60P	+ 0.30	4.62
Brit Fndmtls Inc	73.11	77.78P	+ 0.22	4.62
Global Opps	94.15	99.53	+ 0.03	0.03
Balanced Acc	93.26	99.66P	+ 0.08	2.46
Balanced Inc	52.79	56.16P	+ 0.08	2.46
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	171.30	179.30P	+ 0.20	5.74
High Inc Equity	162.30	174.50	+ 0.70	4.51
Worldwide Bond	209.70	286.00P	- 2.20	3.67
Capital Growth				
American Growth	290.60	310.10	- 3.50	.38
Asian Pacific	332.70	355.80	+ 5.00	..
Assets & Earnings	270.30	287.50	+ 1.50	1.88
Comdty & Energy	119.30	126.90P	+ 1.20	....
1992 Enterprise	93.78	100.30	+ 0.31	1.66
Euro Capital Inc	131.80	141.00	+ 0.10	.99
General	227.30	241.80P	+ 1.00	2.25
Japan	133.10	142.40	- 0.90	....
Mastermix	142.80	152.70	- 0.50	.98
UK Growth Dist	157.60	167.20	..	1.68
US Emerging Cos	190.70	196.00	+ 1.10	....
Income & Growth	391.10	416.10	+ 1.70	3.15
Ethical	73.57	78.27	+ 0.18	2.17
International	115.30	122.60	- 0.70	.28
Dividend & Growth	61.39	65.32	+ 0.29	4.29
Global Gwth & Inc	65.14	69.37	- 0.01	2.12
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS				
031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£17.15	£17.87	....	..
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ				
0800 833 589				
Aberdeen Portfolio	61.51	62.63	- 0.10	0.79
Amer Int & Growth	43.70	46.11P	- 0.40	0.67
Cash	50.25	50.38P	....	4.48
European	110.50	117.20	- 0.10	..
European Income	100.20	106.40P	....	1.40
Exempt	140.54	£11.15M	- 0.10	5.00
Extra Income	52.18	56.95P	- 0.03	4.57
Far East Emg Ecn	110.40	118.80	- 0.60	0.53
Fixed Interest	34.54	36.19P	....	7.01
Fund Inv Tst	183.60	196.00P	+ 0.20	0.88
Japan	200.10	213.10	- 1.30	....
Latin American	66.54	70.98	- 0.42	0.68
Pacific	70.96	73.99P	- 0.20	0.35
Property Share	73.44	78.40	- 0.04	1.69
UK Emerging Cos	68.36	72.98	- 0.27	1.69
UK Growth	44.53	47.98P	+ 0.18	2.44
World Growth	74.96	80.01	- 0.25	0.67
Extrnal	62.29	66.41	+ 0.15	2.62
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	51.41	51.41P	+ 0.20	7.41
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	95.20	101.91	+ 0.43	3.05
UK Equity Growth	86.41	91.93	+ 0.41	2.12
European	68.96	73.36	+ 0.04	0.74
Nth American	67.13	71.41	+ 0.18	0.98
Far Eastern	73.85	78.56	- 0.79	0.41
Money	65.76	65.76	....	3.92
Fixed Interest	70.51	75.01	+ 0.10	6.75
Index Linked Gilt	65.80	70.00	+ 0.07	1.14
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF				
031 549 3232				
British Growth	69.73	74.19P	+ 0.27	2.55
British Income	78.44	83.44P	+ 0.22	3.47
Select Portfolio	87.40	92.97P	+ 0.17	....
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR				
0459 889 988				
Amity Income	76.63	81.31	- 0.20	2.01
Income Builder Inc	68.39	72.75	+ 0.13	2.80
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL.				
IFA dlg: 0793 640 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	236.70	251.90P	- 0.80	3.00
Capital	423.70	452.90P	+ 0.80	1.49
Balanced	705.80	754.30	+ 4.30	2.14
Accumulator	£12.48	£13.34	+ 7.00	2.97
Income Trusts				
American Income	48.09	51.40	- 0.09	3.75
High Income	413.00	441.40P	+ 1.30	5.35
Equity Income	254.60	272.10P	+ 0.70	4.59
High Yield	252.90	270.30P	+ 0.80	3.47
Gov't Securities	33.25	35.09P	+ 0.12	6.10
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	130.60	139.60P	- 0.10	0.35
European Growth	35.60	37.88	+ 0.31	0.08
International	163.50	174.60	+ 0.50	0.18
Japan	230.30	245.60P	+ 2.10	0.01
Pacific	411.90	440.30	- 1.30	0.18
Secs of America	401.20	427.00P	- 0.20	0.48
Worlde Asset Val	48.73	52.06	+ 0.13	0.13
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	532.50	569.20	+ 1.40	2.12
Conv & Gilt	47.54	50.82	+ 0.18	4.05
Smaller Cos	181.90	194.40P	....	0.88
2nd Smaller Cos	173.20	185.10P	+ 0.10	0.99
Recovery	156.70	167.50	+ 0.80	1.33
Met Min & City	151.10	161.50P	+ 0.60	0.90
Oseas Earnings	367.50	392.80P	+ 2.00	1.83
Technology	152.40	162.90P	+ 0.80	0.01
UK Special Sits	460.20	491.90	+ 0.60	1.73
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 91				
Control Out Pens	99.53	103.40	....	1.45
Foundtn Pens Pens	62.98	65.43	....	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE				
071 254 6767				
Capital	72.17	76.78	+ 0.28	2.65
International	63.66	67.74	+ 0.05	0.49
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY				
031 222 4242				
America	291.70	313.20	- 1.40	....
Bond	114.70	130.70P	....	0.43
Brit Smlr Cos	103.80	110.40	....	0.91
Comm & Gen	65.09	69.47	- 0.14	4.99
Energy	439.30	471.50	- 0.70	0.46
Europe	240.90	256.00	+ 0.70	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	107.70	114.20	+ 0.60	0.83
Income Gwth	353.30	377.10P	- 1.20	4.00
Japan	139.50	361.00	- 0.90	....
Pacific	110.90	118.00	- 2.20	0.66
UK Smlr Cos	132.08	55.41	+ 0.07	0.78
Japan Fd	794.50	818.30	+ 0.20	....
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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on Bernardo Bertolucci's visually sumptuous but simplistic *Little Buddha*

A child's guide to reincarnation

The first words of Bernardo Bertolucci's **Little Buddha** set the tone for the two bizarre hours to follow: "Once upon a time in a village in ancient India . . ." This is, essentially, a children's tale, or at the very least an adult film deliberately made with the cinematic equivalent of twosyllable words.

Bertolucci and his adventurous producer Jeremy Thomas have a mission to pique people's curiosity about the history and beliefs of Buddhism. Big-budget cinema usually runs scared from such matters; but Thomas and the director, who has busily probed alternatives to Western culture since his anguished response to contemporary Italy, *Tragedy of a Ridiculous Man*, courageously plunge straight in.

Little Buddha
Lumiere, PG, 123 mins
Bertolucci's child's guide to Buddhism

Ace Ventura, Pet Detective
Warner West End, 12, 86 mins
Gruelling vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey

Deadly Advice
Odeon West End, 15, 90 mins
Botched British black comedy

Romeo is Bleeding
MGM Haymarket, 18, 110 mins
Stillborn tale of bad cop scorched by femme fatale

Mother's Boys
Warner West End, 15, 95 mins
Lame thriller about psychopathic mum



Having travelled from his home in Seattle, Washington, to the roof of the world, Jesse (Alex Wiesendanger) is somewhat bemused to be worshipped as the *Little Buddha*

They have several large carrots to dangle before us, whatever our age or beliefs. One is the film's visual beauty. *Little Buddha* may not hit the eyeballs with the extreme force of *The Last Emperor*, but when the screen throbs with ancient temples, an army of demons, cheering throngs and Keanu Reeves, chest peeping from a richly embroidered blue robe, you do not go home shortchanged.

Given his gauche performance in past period roles, Reeves' portrayal of young Prince Siddhartha, Buddha-in-waiting from 500 BC, is surprisingly persuasive. We see him as a smiling innocent, locked inside his court's splendours, much like the boy hero of *The Last Emperor*. Then he discovers the outside world — disease, poverty, death — and embarks on a spiritual journey punctuated with wrong turnings, temptations and little flourishes of special effects.

Bu Siddhartha's path to enlightenment forms only one strand in the film. Here another large carrot enter, and it is one that many adult may find difficult to digest. To provide a modern point of reference, Bertolucci filters the ancient saga through the story of Jesse, a nineyear-old Seattle boy — blond hair, rainers, bland as margarine — who may or may not be the reincarnation of a lama from Bhutan. So he makes the journey, bemused father in tow, to the roof of the world to be tested by monks.

Visually, the American scenes prove as arresting as any. Vittorio Storaro, Bertolucci's regular cameraman, turns Seattle an icy blue, while the production and costume designer James Acheson ensures Jesse's parents occupy a particularly arid new house. The dramatic content is another matter. Jesse's parents, played by Bridget Fonda and the singer Chris Isaak, never emerge as distinct characters, while Alex Wiesendanger, as Jesse, struggles with unnatural dialogue that would defeat Henry Irving.

The film also suffers overall from the drip-drip effect of Bertolucci's educational method. A little learning in narrative cinema goes a long way, and the repeated pocket lessons on reincarnation; meditation, and other Buddhist matters can grate on the nerves. It is all a question of balance, of locating what Buddhism calls the "Middle Way". Siddhartha found it 25 centuries ago, but Bertolucci never quite manages to blend the demands of a magical fable for the young at heart with a spiritual sermon aimed at the degenerate West.

Little Buddha aside, this is a Leave Your Brain at Home week. Viewed in a collar and tie, alert and sober, **Ace Ventura, Pet Detective** seems a gruelling, unfunny comedy. Viewed in a T-shirt by well-oiled youngsters, cinemas could yet resound with hoots and cackles: they certainly have in America.

The key factor here is Jim Carrey, a television comedian whose face and limbs are made of indiarubber, and who attacks any gag, from the horribly crude to the pleasantly daft, like a road-drill blasting through concrete. If you find his personality hard to take, director Tom Shadyac provides no escape: this is Carrey's first starring role in a film, and they are determined to let you know it.

Carrey hails from a television comedy show, *In Living Color*, in which he created a gallery of crazed individuals, from a pyromaniac fire chief to Vera de Milo, female gladiator. But in feature-length comedy, characters need to be sustained longer than ten noisy minutes, and Ace Ventura, Miami's goofy pet detective, cannot stand the strain.

The plot does not help, skittering along from genre spoof to juvenile rudeness as Ace wrestles with the case of Snowflake, disappearing dolphin mascot of the Miami football team. "Holy Testical Tuesday!" he shouts. His mouth puckers into a thousand shapes. He rolls his eyes like dice, and at one point talks through his bottom.

Faced with such tricks, the supporting cast can only lie flat and wait for the steamroller to pass. Sean Young comes off particularly badly as the shrill, obstructive police lieutenant who dogs Ace's steps. She also gets the film's worst haircut. More Carrey vehicles are on the way: if they are to grab more than quick returns from the easily pleased they must do better than *Ace Ventura, Pet Detective*.

Carrey is not the only movie newcomer trying to make a splash. **Deadly Advice** showcases Britain's own Jane Horrocks, recipient of bouquets for *Life Is Sweet* and the stage play *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*. In this heinously botched black comedy she starts out as the stifled daughter of a monstrous mother in the book hunter's paradise, Hay-on-Wye. But then she reads about Dr Crippen and other British murderers, who materialise with hints like "One swift whack, the rest is easy!" First the mother (Brenda Fricker) is dispatched. Then come the complications: a body to dispose of, sibling rivalry with Imelda Staunton, suspicious friends.

Someone should also have murdered the script. In scene upon scene, we are asked to stare at a gaping hole where the dialogue should be. It may be unfair to expect black comedy as expert as *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, but Glenn Chandler's flabby words still makes one despair; and no one would guess that director Mandie Fletcher had successfully guided several series of *Blackadder*.

True, we have one more British film to add to the year's statistics. But so much has been wasted: from the distinguished cast (Sir John Mills as Jack the Ripper) to the quaint costumes and props of Emma Porteous and Christopher Hobbs. Just occasionally, when the camera lingers on interiors choked with pink floral trinkets, you start to glimpse the eccentric comedy that might have been. Then the characters open their mouths, and boredom crashes back.

The week's two American thrillers are no prettier prospects. **Romeo is Bleeding** offers the inchoate tale of Gary Oldman's bad New York cop who sells police informers to the mob but runs out of luck when he dabbles with a red-hot, vicious femme fatale played by Lena Olin.

"With or without?" she murmurs, offering sex as she fingers an artificial arm acquired in the wars. At such points, laughter is permitted. But at other times, Peter Medak, director of *The Krays*, meanders so much between overplayed violence and cop thriller clichés that a scratch of the head or a vigorous yawn are the only possible responses.

Mother's Boys wastes Jamie Lee Curtis, Joanne Whalley-Kilmer, Vanessa Redgrave and some fancy images on a creaky plot about a psychopathic wife determined to stamp out her husband's new flame. Yves Simoneau, the Canadian director, is an interesting talent, but he should not have bothered to embalm this corpse. Let us pray it is not reincarnated.

CONCERT

Brilliant Berio buried

LPO/Pesko
Festival Hall

I WONDER if there are warning signs erected outside the London Philharmonic Orchestra's concert planning rooms exhorting participants to not risk offending audiences. This was supposed to be the grand opening concert of the South Bank's Berio festival, "Renderings". But what was in the programme? A perfectly standard symphony (Beethoven's Sixth) and concerto (Haydn's in D for cello, played with romanticised elegance rather than a classical clarity by Yo Yo Ma), with Berio's own *Formazioni* modestly occupying the position of curtain-raiser.

I know that we are supposed to be grateful for new music wherever it is placed in the programme, but inevitably there was a feeling that behind this particular order of service and this particular choice of mainstream works lay the desire to get the modern stuff over with quickly and resume normal service as soon as possible. Hardly a wholehearted celebration of one of the greatest composers alive.

The work, composed from 1985 to 1987 for the Concertgebouw's 90th anniversary, is a complex landscape of sensations. In it the composer physically scatters the orchestra, placing two large brass groups on either side of the stage, two woodwind groups at the front and back of the main body of players and four clarinets in front of the conductor.

The textures are, as so often in Berio's music, multi-layered. Different "formations" coalesce or separate in a process of constant reaction, collision and reverberation. Waves of antiphonal exchanges, with overlapping dynamics — one group getting softer as the other, placed opposite, becomes louder — add to the feeling of the music physically moving. Obsessive pitch-centres emerge and recede, sometimes almost without being noticed, while at the heart of the work lies a climactic, solid wall of sound that is quickly dissipated into more delicate textures.

Culminating in a naked, giant rhythmic throbbing, *Formazioni* brings to mind some Birtwistle-like ideas. It has the same sense of the inevitable, its motion like a huge, slowly turning wheel.

The LPO gave a performance of splendid commitment under the baton of Zoltan Pesko, who replaced Franz Welser-Möst, victim of a recurrent back problem, at short notice.

STEPHEN PETTITT

TELEVISION REVIEW

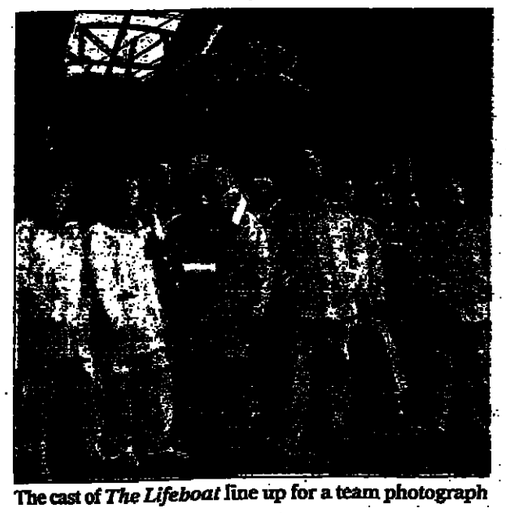
Sea, sex and sou'westers

As thrillers go, it's certainly different. **The Lifeboat** (BBC1) is set in a Welsh coastal community and was written by Lynda La Plante, who brought us no only *Prime Suspects I, II, III* and — coming soon — *IV*, but also *Widows*, *Comics* and *Cryies*. With all that bracing Pembrokeshire sea spray whistling through our hair as we scour the water for victims, her novel switch of plot location could turn out to be physically as well as dramatically refreshing.

Then again cynics (as opposed to civvies) might merely think that since police and hospital thrillers have been done to death, so to speak, someone decided it was time to find a new community capable of delivering a diet of deathly drama.

What about insurance brokers? Nah. Train drivers? No mileage. Hey, let's toss this idea overboard and see if it floats: what about those lifeboat crews, who bravely save more than a thousand lives a year and are just the sort of down-to-earth types with blunt tongues and tangled private lives that La Plante loves to write about? Actually, not a bad concept, although sometimes it feels a bit damp.

Last night's opening episode, the first of nine visits to the crew of the Penrhys volunteer lifeboat, bore the La Plante signature. The lifeboatmen were worried that a new state-of-the-art boat might be assigned to the rival Aberceri lifeboat station up the coast, leaving them with an embarrassing inflatable number. Luckily a couple of dramas — a fishing boat's nets get entangled with a wartime mine, and, later, a young boy falls over the side of another boat and dies — strengthen the Penrhys boys' case for the new boat.



The cast of *The Lifeboat* line up for a team photograph

Lacing through this bobbing drama are subplots about the lifeboat's adulterous coxswain Leslie Parry — played convincingly by the beefy Brendan Gleeson, a sort of Celtic Gérard Depardieu — and a drug deal that ends in tragedy.

It's stylishly done. Nevertheless, you get the feeling that, like a pricey fashion designer, La Plante has expanded into a slightly more off-the-peg line. *Lifeboat* was "devised" by La Plante, but she has written only the first episode. The rest have been farmed out to a stable of writers: they are all talented, but they are not La Plante, whose name is used like a designer label to sell a series which has the flavour of an upmarket soap, in which women are once again props for a bit of adultery in bed and drama at kitchen sinks.

We do not know yet whether our heroes get the posh new boat. If the first episode is any guide, the poor people of Penrhys deserve not only the new boat, but a permanent Royal Navy rescue team: the lifeboat crew seems to get called out twice a day.

This may explain why Parry, who is the local builder as well as the boat's coxswain, has such an unreliable professional reputation. Then again, as builders' excuses for lateness go, "I had to rescue someone from drowning" certainly beats: "Parking's terrible round here, isn't it, guv?"

JOE JOSEPH

FROM BERNARDO BERTOLUCCI - CREATOR OF 'THE LAST EMPEROR'
A BOLDLY COLOURED BRAVURA FAIRYTALE...

'BERTOLUCCI'S FILM IS VISUALLY MAGNIFICENT
STORARO'S CINEMATOGRAPHY EVEN EXCELS 'THE LAST EMPEROR'
...BRIDGET FONDA - HER BEST ACTING PERFORMANCE'
George Perry - THE SUNDAY TIMES



...A HINT OF LEAN, A SPLASH OF KORDA, THE FILM IS INFUSED WITH A SHIMMERING SENSUOUSNESS.'
Neil Norman - THE EVENING STANDARD

'A UNIQUE AND MOVING MODERN SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY.'
John Wrathall - Q MAGAZINE

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AND AT SELECTED CINEMAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY FROM MAY 20

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST Daniel Massey and Jeremy Northam in Ian Judge's superbly cast "Brideshead" production, transferred from last year's Stratford.
Barbican, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews begin tonight, 7.15pm. Opens May 3, 7pm 🅂

RAKE'S PROGRESS Another outing for **Opera Factory's** timely success with Stravinsky's neo-classical opera. David Freeman directs, Mark Wigglesworth conducts the Premiere Ensemble, with Mary Plazas, Susannah Self, Geoffrey Dolton and Mark Tucker.
Recommended.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight and Sat, 7pm. 🅂

SPRING LOADED: The eighth season celebrating British independent dance continues, with a sprinkling of what's new in Europe. Tonight, the Spanish company **Fuga** makes its Spring Loaded debut with three pieces, including the flamenco based *Fuego Queto*. Choreographer and performer **Aletta Collins** returns this weekend with four dancers to perform a new full-length work. Her piece, *Shoos*, is currently in the London Contemporary Dance Theatre repertoire.
The Place, Duke's Road WC1 (071-387 0031). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

IMAGES OF BAHIA: An exhibition of photography and sculpture by four of Brazil's most important artists opens this week. The work of Miguel Rio Branco, Mano Cravo Neto, Anna Mariani and Luiz Figueiredo offer an insight into the cultures, customs and landscapes of Brazil: a special emphasis has been placed on the state of Bahia as part of a month-long festival programme around London.
Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Mon-Sat, 10am-7.30pm; Sun, 12 noon-7pm. Admission free.

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON: Their skills honed to near perfection, the musical satirists **Kit and the Widow** return with three performances only of their *January Sale*. Suave and stinging and a real tonic.
Theatre Royal, New Road (0273 328488). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

EDINBURGH: A world premiere from the distinctive composer Lyell Cresswell — *The Pot of Basil* — is the focus of a programme of contemporary music tonight. Plus Britten's Canticle II: *Abraham and Isaac* and Messiaen's choral work *Cinq Rechants*. With the John Currie Singers and Orchestra.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (031-668 2019). Tonight, 7.45pm. 🅂

LEEDS: First night of previews for a revival of Alan Bennett's first play, **Forty Years On**: an artful mixture of pastiche and patriotism, nostalgia and English history. Benjamin Whitrow plays the Headmaster, a role created by Gielgud. Jeremy Sams directs.
Quarry, West Yorkshire Playhouse (0532 442111). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Sat, 8pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat 8pm; mats May 4, 18 and June 1, 2pm and May 21 and 28, 3pm. Until June 4.

LIVERPOOL: Clarinettist Nicholas Cox joins music director Libor Pešek and the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic** tonight for the close of its Industrial Series scheme. The programme includes Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*, Copland's Clarinet Concerto and Respighi/Rossini's *La Boutique Fantasque*.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (051-709 3789). Tonight, 7.45pm.

NORTHAMPTON: The great dramatic soprano **Rita Hunter** joins the **Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra** tonight for a festive opening of their three-week UK tour. Antoni Wit conducts works by Rossini, Verdi, Puccini and Mascagni; the second half of the programme is devoted to Hunter's forte, Wagner.
Derngate, Guildhall Road 🅂 (0604 24811). Tonight, 7.30pm. **Weekend schedule**: **Fri**: Middlesbrough, Town Hall 🅂 (0642 242561); **Sat**: Leeds, Town Hall 🅂 (0532 348080); **Sun**: Hull, City Hall 🅂 (0482 226655).

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Sackler Galleries of the Ancient Near East and Egypt (071-636 1555) ... **Hayward**: Salvador Dalí/Unbound (071-928 3144) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: Annie Liebovitz (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: Zurbarán: Jacob and his Twelve Sons (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts**: Goya (071-439 7438) ... **Tate**: Picasso (071-887 8008) ... **V & A**: The Glass Gallery (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
🅂 Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

🅂 **THE BIRTHDAY PARTY** Antony Lesser is cosseted by Dora Bryan in a strongly cast revival of Pinter's first full-length play. Sam Mendes directs.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm 🅂

☐ **ELGAR'S RONDO** Alec McCowen plays the composer, creatively paralysed by premonitions of World War One. David Pownall's play had a mixed reception last year at Stratford.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm. Opens May 11, 7pm. 🅂

■ **AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV** The company of a clever, cultured and witty man of many worlds. One of the world's most masterly raconteurs returns for four weeks only.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sun, 3pm.

🅂 **GHOST FROM A PERFECT PLACE** The marvellous John Wood plays a Sixties gangleader returning to a very different East End. Fascinating though implausible, from Philip Ridley.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm 🅂

☐ **THE GRAPES OF WRATH**: Adaptation of Steinbeck's account of the Okies' trek west, a co-production by 7:84 Theatre and Dundee Rep. See review, right.
Shaw, Euston Road NW1 (071-388 1394). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat today, 2pm

🅂 **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE**: Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle footed sister. Exuberantly done and very slick, with lots of Big Band music.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ *LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN*: Rough Magic's so-so version of Wilde, using cross-dressing to clever effect but less astute in its treatment of the mother-daughter theme.
Tricycle, Kilburn High St, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats May 4, 2pm and Sat 4pm. Until May 7. 🅂

■ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY**: Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

🅂 **NO BIG DEAL**: One of the characters in Rod Beacham's play thinks it is "no big deal" to separate love, sex and gender, but when a wife goes off the idea of sex there are difficulties ahead. Stephanie Turner directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence St, Richmond (081-940 3633). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm. Opens May 3, 7.45pm 🅂

☐ **ROPE**: Keith Baxter's look at Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller: two young men kill to show how clever they are. Too much creaky melodrama.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS**: For one week only Helen Lederer airs her disarming, comic confessions.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St WC2 (071-867 1150). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 5pm.

☐ **TOUCHED**: Three short pieces co-devised by Richard Cameron, author of the excellent *Pond Life*. Glimpses of madness shown through dance, mime and text.
BAC Studio One, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 8.30pm, Sun, 6.30pm. Until May 8.

☐ **TRAVESTIES**: Stoppard's dazzler, transferred after its sell-out season at the Barbican. Antony Sher is the Consul playing fast and loose with memory.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. 🅂

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **An Absolute Turkey**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ☐ **April in Paris**: Ambassadors (071-836 6111) ... ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... 🅂 **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ☐ **Carousel**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... 🅂 **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ... ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... (071-930 8800) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... 🅂 **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ☐ **Oleanna**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **Piaf**: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) 🅂 **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BACK IN THE USSR (15): Dull US potboiler shot in Moscow, with Frank Whaley as a young tourist sucked into the city's underworld. Deran Sarafian directs, with Natalya Negoda.
MGMs: **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

BEYOND BEDLAM (18): Serial killer's mental rehabilitation goes haywire. Vigorous but overly gruesome British shocker, with Elizabeth Hurley, Craig Fairbrass and Keith Allen. Director, Vadim Jean.
MGMs: **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

PAINTED HEART (15): Failed attempt at off-beat Americana from new director Michael Taav, with Will Patton and Robert Pastorelli as housepainters clashing in love.
Metro (071-437 0757)

SONATINE Quirky Japanese bloodbath with lyrical interludes from cult director-actor Takeshi Kitano.
ICA (071-930 3647)

CURRENT

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON (12) Worthy, star-studded chronicle of the Aids epidemic, in need of a tighter focus. With Matthew Modine, Alan Alda and Ian McKellen. Director, Roger Spottiswoode.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **BACKBEAT** (15) Bouncy, toe-tapping story of the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe. With Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee and Ian Hart. Director, Iain Softley.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons**: **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

A BRONX TALE (18): Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show. A strong directing debut by Robert De Niro.
Odeon Mezzanine 🅂 (0426 915683)

FEARLESS (15): Strange, powerful tale of air crash survivors, with fearless Jeff Bridges and grief-stricken Rosie Perez. Isabella Rossellini co-stars as Bridges' wife. Director, Peter Weir.
Gate 🅂 (071-727 4043) **MGMs**: **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (071-439 4343)

THE JOY LUCK CLUB (15). Handsome but shallow version of Amy Tan's novel about Chinese-American families and culture. Wayne Wang directs an accomplished ensemble cast.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **MGMs**: **Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** 🅂 (071-370 2636)

THE SCENT OF GREEN PAPAYA (U): Visually exquisite portrait of a Saigon servant girl, made in France. Impressive debut by director Tran Anh Hung.
Metro (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **SHADOWLANDS** (U): Skilful rendition of William Nicholson's play about C.S. Lewis's emotional awakening. With Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger; Richard Attenborough directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-638 8891) **Odeons**: **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeons**: **Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ **STRIKING DISTANCE** (18): Lukewarm vehicle for Bruce Willis, an ex-detective now patrolling Pittsburgh's rivers. Director, Rowdy Herrington.
Odeons: **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

TOM & VIV (15): Absorbing, downbeat account of T. S. Eliot's first marriage. With Miranda Richardson and Willem Dafoe. Director, Brian Gilbert.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **MGMs**: **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Plaza** 🅂 (0800 888997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** 🅂 (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (071-439 4343)

LES VISITEURS (15): Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. Jean-Marc Poiré directs.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

WHITE ANGEL (15): Awkward first feature from Chris Jones about serial killings in London suburbia. With Peter Firth and Harriet Robinson.
MGMs: **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031)

THEATRE: **Kate Bassett** on a new John Steinbeck adaptation from 7:84 Theatre Company

More anger from the vineyard

The Grapes of Wrath
Shaw, NW1

This is the third Steinbeck that has cropped up in as many months. The tale of Tom Joad and his family's trek to California, supposedly the land of golden fruit and opportunities, is set way out West back in the 1930s in a land of dust and denim dungarees, of faded frocks and hobnail boots.

Yet *The Grapes of Wrath* is timely, telling of mass unemployment and dispossessed travellers. Perhaps its concern with the power of the workers and strike action tastes like history to our post-communist, post-Thatcherite palates. Still, its anxiety about unpoliticised suffering, perpetuated by an emphasis on the family that overrides larger concepts of community, remains pertinent.

And the novel, in which Tom rages against inequality, is ideal material for 7:84 Theatre Company. The company's name, after all, implicitly criticises the distribution of wealth in mid-Sixties Britain: 84 per cent owned by 7 per cent of the population. Steinbeck can be corny and Frank Galati's adaptation can make the Joads seem like the Waltons suffering an *annus horribilis*. Nevertheless, Iain Reekie's production steers around cosiness, playing down the comedy except for Gary Lewis's senile Grandpa, touched by the spirit of Robin Williams.

Paul R. Meade's Tom is a rather nondescript Everyman, a Tom-Dick-and-Harry Joad. Though one senses the cast are sharper than the simple folk they play, their ensemble work is assured. Simultaneous action is often finely orchestrated, accompanied by melancholy folksongs or helter-skelter country music from a fiddler and guitarist. Albeit that a line of strikers silhouetted against a red strip of sunset is not a subtle image, Reekie more often weaves in detailed local colour, down to a man chewing on a matchstick. Mark Leese's wooden plank set has simple beauty and splashes of theatrical joy, with a real fire, rain and long-johnned lads throwing themselves into troughs of water.

Tom McGovern is splendid as Casy the ex-preacher. Bearded and bespectacled like a Chekhovian academic, yet all-American, he kicks the action off with charisma, foot-stomping and blasting into his accordion before he realises he's got company. Just prior to his death, he injects a speech about unfair pay and blacklegging with burning urgency, which surely makes the Scottish Trades Union Congress's sponsorship of the programme worth every penny. The episodic scenes feel fragmentary for a long stretch but the action becomes increasingly touching, culminating in a final scene that combines desperate weakness with triumphant tender hope.



On the road to ruin: the Joad family in 7:84's staging of *The Grapes of Wrath*, now at the Shaw Theatre

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DANCE: A waste of personable performers

Boxing show is less than a knockout

Phoenix Dance Company
Sadler's Wells

IT IS lucky for Phoenix Dance Company that its performers are personable and provoke noisy enthusiasm from their admirers. What they have to perform at Sadler's Wells is such rubbish that not for less than £500 would I contemplate going back again.

These black Leeds-based dancers are energetic and hard-working. Why reduce them to offensive stereotypes of sexual desire and aggression? The company's director, Margaret Morris, writes that Phoenix "brings to the stage ideas of today, about today". But what role models are these for today's youth — men who strut and fight, women who flaunt and surrender?

Darshan Singh Bhuller's *Heart of Chaos* strikes a more reflective note, since it uses boxing as a metaphor for baser human nature. A duet between one boxer and Dawn Donaldson also suggests women as calming and mature, yet by the end she has to leave the boxer alone in the ring.

But the way that Singh presents his message about man's bestiality beneath a civilised veneer has a derivative air. His central contrast between the brute violence of boxers and the blithe sophistication of dancing couples in elegant evening dress looks like a rip-off of Paul Taylor's identical device in *Cloven Kingdom*, which Bhuller himself used to perform. But at least he has made a piece with some substance and found a rich idiom by mixing contemporary dance with the postures of boxing.

Two men give a harshly convincing account of a boxing match, the battering and recoiling. But the rest of the evening they and their fellow dancers deserve more than being just ciphers of relentless rhythm and muscle. Pamela L Johnson's *Face Our Own Face* had me baffled. I couldn't see the connection between disco-dance pulsations, sleepy reclinings, metal structures wheeled about and the programme's reference to black pride.

Donald Byrd's *Fatal Strategy*, an extremely long closing piece, was a chugging hell of headlong music and sinew-wrenching dance. As part of its depiction of "seduction and counter-seduction", the women were at first sex objects, then they weren't, then they were again. Inevitably this was garbled, but as a titillating compensation they stripped to their underwear for the finale.

NADINE MEISNER

ROCK

Grave from the raves

Tindersticks
The Grand, SW11

THE release of Tindersticks' debut album last October prompted a rash of reviews that read more like fan mail than critique. The group's music, which combines the deep, deadpan delivery of a Leonard Cohen with the *ramshackle, gothic visions* of Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds was plausibly described as "romantic", "spooky" and "brilliant". Meanwhile the group — originally from Nottingham but based in London for several years — were lionised rather less convincingly as the personification of "rock's elegantly wasted downside".

While not especially elegant or wasted, their performance at the Grand was certainly a walk on the down side. Starting well after 11 o'clock (why do gigs begin so late these days?), the six musicians, supplemented by guest trumpeter Terry Edwards, occupied a shadowy stage, dimly lit with a minimum of colours. Dressed in dark jackets and trousers, they seemed rather more spectral than theatrical.

Dominating at the front was the imposing figure of singer and occasional guitarist Stuart Staples. More than six foot tall, 28 years old, with dark flowing locks and a cigarette permanently on its way either to or from his mouth, he clumped about as if wearing a pair of lead boots.

Announcing the first three songs in a dolorous mumble that left us none the wiser as to their identity, he sang in a cavernous, yawning drawl that reverberated round the hall as if it were a tomb.

The arrangements of the songs were subjected to some rough handling. Their recorded version of Townes Van Zandt's "Kathleen" is slow, but here it was taken at a funereal pace, Dickon Hinchcliffe's cascading violin runs providing neurotic emphasis to a lyric gripped by despair. "Her", on the other hand, was taken at a very quick clip indeed, guitarist Neil Fraser's pseudo-flamenco flourishes driving the song to a crashing climax with trumpet and violin vying for space with David Boulter's discordant piano splashes.

But despite such variations in pace the combined effect of Staples' Mogadon-man voice and the unremittingly claustrophobic mood of the songs gradually became wearing. Lacking the dry humour of a Cohen recital and without the high drama of a Cave show, the performance proved a stylish but disappointingly one-dimensional affair. Add the fuggy, late-night atmosphere to the mix, and you had an experience stifling enough to tranquillise an elephant.

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Pick of this year's Proms

The 100th Proms season, announced by the BBC yesterday, is a celebration of the world's biggest music festival, its origins, its hallowed traditions and the most charismatic personalities associated with it — from its founder, Henry Wood, to such pioneering figures as William Glock and Pierre Boulez. It also includes a bumper assortment of top orchestras. Musical anniversaries from Palestrina to Dame Ethel Smyth are marked, and there are many other historical echoes. *Richard Morrison* selects a dozen unmissable evenings from the 68 concerts.



Henry Wood (left), William Glock (centre) and Pierre Boulez (right) are among the key figures whose contributions to the history of the Proms will be celebrated in this year's 100th season

☐ **First night:** Not just the First Night of the Proms, but also a belated first night for the great Wagnerian baritone Hans Hotter who, at the age of 85, is a somewhat mature Proms debutant. He is the Speaker in Schoenberg's gargantuan *Gurrelieder*, which gets the 100th Proms season off to a suitably epic start. Andrew Davis conducts. *July 15*

☐ **Nostalgia special:** Of all the historical evocations this summer none looks more fascinating than this programme, which recreates a Proms concert of 1900. Or almost does: a "Grand Fantasia" on Puccini's *La bohème* has long since crumbled into dust, and has had to be reconstructed. The surprise is how much the 1900 audience got for its money. Some 16 pieces are to be performed, ranging from songs and arias to snatches of concertos and military marches. Most last no longer than five minutes. Clearly the Victorian music-lover had a limited attention-span. Familiar composers (Dvořák, Gounod, Donizetti) are mingled with those who have long been consigned to the footnotes of the more diligent history-books (Florian Pascal, Eva Del'Acqua). *July 16*

☐ **Provocative Baroque:** The American musicologist Joshua Rifkin may have found fame and fortune resuscitating Scott Joplin's piano rags, but his scholarship also embraces radical theories about Bach. He believes that Bach used minimal forces, and has recorded the Mass in B Minor with just one voice per part (one waggish critic dubbed it the "Madrigal in B Minor"). Here he attempts much the same process on the *St Matthew Passion*. *July 24*

☐ **Nothing like a Dame:** Fifty years after her death, the doughty composer, suffragette and writer Dame Ethel Smyth is celebrated by a performance of her magnum opus, the opera *The Wreckers*. A powerful story of corrupted ideals and burning passions among Cornish fishing folk, it has many champions — some of whom claim that Britten's *Peter Grimes*, written decades later, bears more than a passing resemblance. If all goes well at this concert performance, a long-overdue British professional stage revival may follow. *July 31*

☐ **Wagner all the way:** In the very old days every Monday night at the Proms was Wagner Night. The current Proms director, John Drummond, has been gradually bringing back these "bleeding chunks" evenings over the past few seasons: this Wagner programme touches swiftly on *Tännhauser* and *Tristan* before serving the main course: the usual magic moments from *Götterdämmerung*, with Anne Evans doing the immolation honours. *August 3*

☐ **Virtuoso voices:** If you never hear another piece of avant-garde music in your life, hear Giles Swayne's *CRY*. It was written in 1980 for 28 solo singers (electronically mixed through giant loudspeakers), and combines dazzling aural effects with the rhythms and colours of African tribal dance. *August 5*

☐ **Pioneer celebrated:** Sir William Glock, the BBC's controller of music throughout the heady 1960s, is generally credited with dragging British musical life into the modern era. He could be beastly to perfectly respectable "traditional" composers, but he certainly introduced a huge number of important modernist scores to British audiences, especially at the Proms. This tripartite concert attempts to evoke the sheer breadth of his programming: it ranges from early music, through his beloved Mozart and Haydn, to Pierre Boulez and a newish piece by the young British composer George Benjamin. Boulez and Sir Colin Davis, the two BBC Symphony Orchestra conductors in the Glock era, return to conduct that orchestra. *August 7*

☐ **Very late night:** A 2.15am finish is anticipated after this four-hour late-night recital of Indian music, ending with an hour of sarod playing from the peerless Ustad Amjad Ali Khan. Ragas first came to the Proms in 1971, and have featured regularly ever since. The intricate, trance-inducing modes of the sub-continent come over surprisingly clearly in the Albert Hall. And on a warm August night the humidity in the arena is not unlike Bombay at noon. *August 12*

☐ **Apocalypse now:** With a *dramatis personae* that includes the Voice of God, the Whore of Babylon and St John, *The Apocalypse* could only come from one pen. John Tavener has cornered the market in epic religious works, deeply rooted in the ritual and music of the Orthodox church. Don't expect a lot of laughs from this two-hour BBC commission — but nobody who attended the Tavener festival concerts earlier this year would underestimate the power of his music to hold audiences spellbound. Generally, however, this Proms season serves living composers poorly; better things are promised for next year's centenary season. *August 14*

☐ **Wood works:** The Proms' founder, Sir Henry Wood ("Old timber" to generations of London orchestral players) died 50 years ago. This concert celebrates the conductor's huge range and adventurous instinct: besides Beethoven and Elgar, it includes Schoenberg's Five Orchestral Pieces, of which he audaciously gave the world premiere at the 1912 Proms, and Vaughan Williams's gorgeous Serenade to Music, sung here by 16 of the best voices in British music. *August 19*

☐ **Berlin calling:** The final fortnight of the season is virtually a parade of famous foreign orchestras. Berlin, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Dresden and Pittsburgh follow each other in quick succession. That makes up for the lacklustre overseas representation last year. But the hottest ticket will be for the Berlin Philharmonic under Abbado, especially when he conducts Mahler's Ninth Symphony. Abbado, who succeeded Karajan in Berlin, has been under fire in the German press recently. Yet he remains one of the subtlest and most imaginative of modern-day maestros. *August 25*

☐ **Last Night:** The historic associations are maintained right to the end of the season: besides the usual frolics, this programme includes the ubiquitous Meditation from Massenet's opera *Thaïs*, which actually received its first London performance in Henry Wood's first Proms season. Wood's own gloriously anachronistic and over-the-top orchestration of Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor is also included: a happy antidote to Joshua Rifkin's "minimalist" Bach earlier in the season. *September 10*

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New magic in her complicité

Annabel Arden, pioneer of physical theatre, is staging her first Mozart opera. She talks to **Hilary Finch**

It is yet another entrepreneurial *coup de théâtre*, typical of a company which seized on both Phyllida Lloyd and Deborah Warner in their directorial prime and offered them their first operas. Opera North has now secured director Annabel Arden to make their new *Flute* magic.

Arden's reputation as founder/performer/director of the mould-breaking Théâtre de Complicité goes before her — so much so that I was forced to give all but a written affidavit that I wouldn't talk to her about it. Complicité is that kick up the backside of theatre, inspired by Jacques LeCoq's mime school. Within the last five years it has deconstructed then reconstructed particularly highly-charged productions of *The Winter's Tale* and Dürrenmatt's *The Visit*. After the first night of *The Magic Flute*, Arden will be on the boards again, once more acting The Mother in Complicité's world tour of *Street of Crocodiles*, prior to its Young Vic opening in August.

> "I just wanted to enable the singers to live easily on stage"

Yet here was a softly spoken, rounded woman, looking after the real pheasant feathers in Papageno's suit, and stealing sandwiches for the singers ... "I've always thought of opera as heightened theatre. And in its highest form — think of Shakespeare — theatre always contains music. So it's just a question of to what extent and in what ways the music is expressing the drama."

The Magic Flute is, after all, a *singspiel*, in which songs bounce off yards of spoken dialogue. And there is a fair bit of *complicité* written into it, too. Think of Papageno, lying and then implicating his audience in his attempted suicide. But Arden started by going straight to the score: listening to recordings, and practising her score-reading until she could relate to musical notation as thoroughly as to a written text.

"The ideas come thick and fast, and you're constantly having to throw them out. In the face of music as great as this, only the *essential* will do. There's a uniquely intimate relationship between watching and listening in an opera — quite different from straight theatre."

From the totally empty space of Arden's customary rehearsal room, where movement, gags and rhythms are evolved without constraint, she now finds herself with a traditional proscenium arch, a stage which is never completely dark because of the light from the pit, schedules which are, of necessity, pre-planned — "and the simple fact that the music does it all!"

And singers who need time to work on the music alone? "Yes. But at the same time, I'm interested in how to integrate all of their skills, and they have so many. But their training has separated one skill from another." Arden brought in her own movement teacher, the 67-year-old Monika Pagneux, who spent ten years of her life working with Peter Brook, to do a two-week workshop with the singers.

"They loved it. They know they can't have a really free vocal instrument if their legs are all tied up. Not that you'll see in the show a lot of fancy movement. I just wanted to enable the singers to live easily on stage. I want to liberate a quality of performance to which young people will respond by saying 'Yes! Yes! YES!' rather than 'Oh, that's amazing'.

"This is what I'm interested in. I mean, *if* you were going to make a feminist interpretation of the *Flute*, *which* feminist interpretation would you make? Is it about a relationship between a mother and a daughter? Is it about men oppressing women? I'm really not interested in these questions. And I'm not going to solve all the arguments of the *Flute* for anyone.

"What would I want as a member of the audience? I'd want to be transported. And I'd want to be able to enjoy marvellous musical performance, so that each song is really *given* to me. They *are* songs here, not arias. And there is nothing more touching than when someone sings a



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"In the face of music as great as this, only the *essential* will do": Annabel Arden prepares for *The Magic Flute*

easily on stage. I want to liberate a quality of performance to which young people will respond by saying 'Yes! Yes! YES!' rather than 'Oh, that's amazing'.

"This is what I'm interested in. I mean, *if* you were going to make a feminist interpretation of the *Flute*, *which* feminist interpretation would you make? Is it about a relationship between a mother and a daughter? Is it about men oppressing women? I'm really not interested in these questions. And I'm not going to solve all the arguments of the *Flute* for anyone.

"What would I want as a member of the audience? I'd want to be transported. And I'd want to be able to enjoy marvellous musical performance, so that each song is really *given* to me. They *are* songs here, not arias. And there is nothing more touching than when someone sings a

"I'll let you into a secret. I was an opera child. We had this deal at the Coliseum: you could have a family box at a reduced price if you sat right above the timpani. I heard Rita Hunter and Alberto Remedios in the Goodall *Ring*. And they were gods! Two little fatties out there on stage, and you believed every word!

"I want this *Flute* to be simple and naive — and enchanting. I want a child to love it. The best children's theatre is the best adults' theatre. The great conductor Ferenc Fricsay called it *diese ewige Trost der Menschkeit* — this eternal consolation of humanity. For me, that's *The Magic Flute*."

● *Opera North's new production of* The Magic Flute *opens at the Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 465906) on Saturday, with further performances there on May 12, 14 and June 1 and 3, before touring to York, Hull, Nottingham and*

OPERA: Two premieres in Stockholm

Northern accent on innovation

Stockholm's Royal Opera — still funded almost entirely by the state — has an enviable record in bringing contemporary works to the stage and reviving them with reasonable frequency. It helps that Swedish composers seem to have the knack of writing viable operas, as was confirmed by two new commissions recently premiered a week apart, Peter Bengtson's *Jungfrurna* and Arne Mellnäs's *Doktor Glas*.

Bengtson (born 1961), one of Sweden's leading young composers, drew inspiration for his chamber opera based on Jean Genet's *Les Bonnes* from the film version with Glenda Jackson and Susannah York. Not surprisingly, there are echoes of film music in his strong score, though all the influences are fused into a strikingly individual voice. His music for *Jungfrurna* traces graphically the uncontrolled fantasies of the two maids, so that textures cloy more and more as the claustrophobia increases.

As Claire and Solange, the mezzo Anna Eklund-Tarantino and soprano Eva Pilat give athletic performances which capture the maids' intense love-hate relationship. Gunilla Söderström makes an intimidating impact as the powdered, peroxided Madame. Peter Holm's 1950s designs are gaudy. The production, by *Jungfrurna*'s librettist Ragnar Lyth, makes imaginative use of the Rotundan's small circular stage, and Niklas Willén conducts fluently, building tension throughout the score's 70-minute span.

Doktor Glas is the first full-scale opera by Mellnäs (born 1933). It follows three chamber operas, and at times it seemed as if *Glas*'s internalised drama might have made more impact with smaller forces, or have communicated better in more intimate surroundings. But Klas Liljefors fills the stage with an impressive production. The setting, turn-of-the-century Stockholm, is unimportant in Björn Hakanson's libretto, which highlights the loneliness of the outsider Glas. Roland Söderberg's skeletal, almost war-ravaged cityscape mirrors the empty lives of its dwellers. Only Görel Engstrand's costumes bring the period to life.

Hjalmar Söderberg's 1905 novel *Doktor Glas* tells of the young Helga, so desperate to prevent her bloated old husband from exercising his conjugal rights that she begs Doktor Glas to poison him. Glas does the deed, half out of pity, half out of his secret passion for her.

Mellnäs's score is bleak, and matches the hopelessness of the protagonists. Apart from some period-evoking café tunes, the music is uncompromising. On the opening night Gary Berkson conducted capably, but the orchestra remained cautious.

In contrast, the dedicated cast threw themselves into the production. Lena Hoel's portrayal of Helga Gregorius is sympathetic, her character beautifully drawn in soaring soprano lines. Sten Wahlund's bass Pastor Gregorius avoids caricature, and the mezzo Carina Morling gives a warmly-sung performance as Glas's friend Eva Mertens.

Above all, Jan Kyhle is compelling in the taxing title role. He negotiates the angular vocal writing with care for every word, and seems completely inside this tormented, ill-at-ease character who — to judge by the opera's reception — continues to grip the Swedish imagination.

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Rumbustious but wrong

WAKE UP BRITAIN!
A Latterday Pamphlet
By Paul Johnson
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £9.99

Paul Johnson does not like the changes which have befallen Britain in his lifetime. That is not surprising: Johnson is growing old like the rest of us and disliking the changes around us is a syndrome of senescence. Johnson, however, has done something about it: he has written what he calls "a latterday pamphlet" around the central thesis that "the transformation of Britain, externally and internally, was never willed by the people". In other words, "it happened because democracy failed to function as it should".

There now! "I *think* I know the answer," writes Johnson, "and I will set it down." For that declaration of hubris he is overtaken by the fate which attends upon all "single cause" merchants.

It was the democratic control of the British Parliament over the Government of Britain which inexorably decreed the demise of the British Empire long before that event unrolled after 1947. So there is no use in inscribing on its tombstone the legend: "The people of Britain were never even consulted." In a parliamentary democracy the majority in Parliament is created by an electorate which by that very process is precluded from answering Yes or No to a sheet of questions. That is why Paul Johnson finds himself obliged to attribute the breaking of trade union power under Mrs Thatcher's Conservative Government to the fact that "the overwhelming majority of people in public life" became convinced "it was possible to subject the unions to the necessary legal restraints".

In almost the same breath he blames the profligacy (according to him) of the National Health Service upon "public sentiment"—"public sentiment, which continues to treat this discredited concern as a sacred cow, too precious to be touched"—which is having it both ways at once. Cause and effect in public affairs are a matter of some delicacy and not suitable to be subjected to simple or simplistic explanation.

Johnson agonises, as his fellow countrymen have started to do, over the European Union. The democracy was consulted there and it muffed its chance. The proposition was written out plain for all to see in the European Communities Act of 1972, which, upon the face of it, renounced the right of the British Parliament to make law, control public expenditure and levy taxation in Britain and transferred those powers to European institutions so comprehensively as to form the basis for any subsequent treaty like Maastricht. There it was in black and white, and there was no lack of politicians pointing that out: but the great British public in 1975 just yawned and turned over in bed murmuring "don't bother me".

That is an experience which makes one question the confident assertion that "foreign policy-making and democracy can be reconciled". As Johnson writes about the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, now floundering in the Bosnian morass, "the fact that a small political minority opposed it and campaigned might and main to reverse it and never over many years met with the slightest response from public opinion is itself proof that the nation was happy with the policy".

So what happened? Why is it now not merely safe but actually *de rigueur* in polite society to pour doubt upon the viability, not to mention the desirability, of the European Union to which we committed ourselves in 1972? All we know for certain is that the wind has changed and is now blowing with increasing force in the contrary direction.

But it takes a subtler political meteorology than we or Paul Johnson possess to be able to say what *caused* the wind to change. "The British were being asked," says he, "to renounce their independent government and embrace rule by a treaty written in incomprehensible legal-bureaucratic gobbledegook." No such thing! The Government and the "bureaucratic and business interests associated with it were absolutely determined from the start, whatever the British people felt about it, and particularly if the people demonstrated their hostility". So the weathercock must be recording a pretty stiff gale! Has Paul Johnson himself always been pointing in the same direction?

"Let us be clear about what can fairly be expected from a parliamentary democracy and what cannot." It is a fair challenge: and it deserves a response less rumbustious and optimistic than Paul Johnson has given to it. A parliamentary democracy will digest the necessities apparently forced upon a nation by its past and by its nature: and if the process of digestion can be assisted by a dose of humbug, then *this* parliamentary nation can be relied upon to swallow it. Above all it will faithfully record and reinforce the *popularis aura* of fashionable ideas and prejudices.

What we can not fairly expect is that a parliamentary democracy will foresee and avoid the disadvantages and pitfalls which attend upon conformity with fashionable opinion here and in the external world. In particular it is in vain that we expect parliamentary democracy, despite any pleas addressed to it, to restore Paul Johnson to the Britain into which he remembers having been born.

So Johnson confronts himself with the paradox ("a failure of democracy") in a nation which he is sure is yearning for the Royal Family to set a good example, for a Church of England to tell them "in authoritative tones... the age-old difference between right and wrong" and for an end to "the self-elect defining culture in terms which make it inaccessible to the community". With this book, we are better off now to the extent of knowing what makes Paul Johnson angry. What we are still short of is the means of escape from the paradox in which he — and perhaps all of us — are trapped.



"Could you turn the other cheek?" Don McCullin's picture, for a Metropolitan Police recruiting campaign, played on the tension between Christian moral conduct and the amorality of modern Britain. *From The World's Best Advertising Photography* by Dave Saunders (Batsford, £25)

Mrs T's mandarin

EXPERIENCES OF CHINA
Percy Cradock
John Murray, £19.99

This has been America's century: the 21st century may belong to the Chinese. Our relations with this emerging superpower are therefore crucial. That is why the rather startling new book by Sir Percy Cradock, who until recently presided over our policy towards China, is so important. His *Experiences of China* is the memoir of an eyewitness of some of the most stirring events in the tumultuous history of modern China. It is also a bitter attack on Hong Kong's present Governor, Chris Patten.

This is the stylish work of a great public servant who has a big story to tell. Cradock was a late entrant to the Foreign Office after a brief period as a law don at Cambridge. He was already a legend in his own university lifetime, with starred firsts in English and Law, and the finest orator of all the presidents of the Union of his generation. His caustic wit once reduced his youthful rival, Norman St John-Stevas as he then was, to tears.

His proved to be an eventful career. During the Cultural Revolution he was number two in our Peking delegation, which was besieged by an angry mob who burnt the building to the ground. He and the other diplomats were roughed up and were lucky to escape with their lives. These were scary moments but so dramatic and exciting that he found them almost enjoyable: "It was like having the French Revolution performed in the road outside and occasionally being required to join in."

When Cradock returned to Peking as Ambassador in 1978, his chief task was to settle the future of Hong Kong after 1997. For in that year the 92 per cent of the colony's territory which was leased would revert to China. All that would be left of the colony would be Hong Kong island, a fragment which even depended on the mainland for water supplies.

There were some in Britain who argued that the best course was to do nothing and continue business as usual in 1997 as if nothing had happened. Advocates of this policy insisted that China needed Hong Kong more than Hong Kong needed China. Cradock disagreed. He was adamant that such a policy of defiance was based on the false premise that China's bosses only cared about economic advantage. He was convinced from his knowledge of China's masters that they would always give nationalism priority over modernisation. By a rare feat of persuasion he won Mrs Thatcher over to his view, even though it went against her combative instincts. When he retired as Ambassador to China, she took him on as her foreign policy adviser.

Thus he was able to pursue the negotiations which he had begun while in Peking. Working closely with his old Cambridge friend Sir Geoffrey Howe, who had become Foreign Secretary, he succeeded in creating a framework in the form of a Joint Declaration.

It provided for Hong Kong to have a high degree of independence: the capitalist market system and lifestyle were to continue unchanged for 50 years. The legal system, the rights and freedoms of Hong Kong's people, including the unimpeded right to travel abroad, were all guaranteed. The Agreement was welcomed by all parties in the House of Commons. In Hong Kong it was greeted with relief and acclamation.

Then came the bombshell. With the massacre in Tiananmen Square the Agreement was seen in a new light. Critics suggested that Britain, influenced by old China hands at the Foreign Office like Cradock, had been led into a policy of appeasement.

Cradock angrily rebuts this view. He says that nobody in the negotiations on our side harboured any illusions about the ruthless character of China's rulers. The point was that they were the people with whom we had to deal. There were problems which had been left to be settled after the Joint Declaration. They concerned Hong Kong's much-needed new airport, which of Hong Kong's citizens should be given British passports, and the composition of Hong Kong's legislative assembly. As so often the devil was in the details. Cradock was wheeled out again, this time by John Major, to conduct secret negotiations with China and was able to reach an understanding on these points.

By the autumn of 1991 Sino-British relations had reached a high point. That ended abruptly with the appointment of Chris Patten as Governor of Hong Kong. After taking office in July 1992, Patten pushed for more popular participation in the colony's government. China's bosses took alarm. Peking had for decades made clear its opposition to self-government for Hong Kong, which it saw as part of the normal development from colonial rule to an independence which it could not accept. For Peking saw Hong Kong as an irrevocable part of mainland China.

Cradock regards the whole Patten approach as "a disastrous high wire act". Instead of a smooth, harmonious transition to one government and two systems, he fears "an ugly stand-off" — a tragedy for Hong Kong all the greater for being avoidable.

British business will suffer too, not through public denunciation as in the case of Malaysia, but through a long series of lost contracts and lost opportunities to trade. Future historians may well decide that John Major's greatest disservice to Britain during his time as Prime Minister was to appoint his friend Chris Patten as Governor of Hong Kong. How much better to have chosen almost any old buffer who could be relied on to do nothing at all.

Russell Lewis is the author of Margaret Thatcher: a personal and political biography *(Routledge, 1975).*

Russell Lewis



Chris Patten takes office as Governor of Hong Kong in July 1992 and immediately alarms Peking by promising more democracy for the colony

Marx. Dead or alive?

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Essay on the use of hunger

GRASS SOUP
By Zhang Xianliang
Translated by Martha Avery
Secker & Warburg, £9.99

In 1958 Zhang Xianliang was declared a "rightist". Twenty one at the time, he was twice that age before he was released. In the first three years of his ordeal, politically-induced famine killed an estimated 30 million people.

For a few weeks in 1960, Zhang kept a diary, or as he more accurately calls it, a ledger. Its cryptic style saved his life when the authorities duly confiscated it. Once he was rehabilitated, they returned this precious document which is all that is left of his youth. A wavy blue-pencilled line under a passage by one of his tormentors, he says, still gives him a queasy feeling.

Survivors of exceptional talent were able to transfuse experience of Nazi or Soviet concentration camps into literature. That body of writing seems likely to provide the lasting stamp of this century upon history. Never before had human cruelty been on such a scale or so mad.

The Chinese contribution to this cruelty is not yet well understood. Closed to the outside world and shrouded in lies, Mao Tse-tung's China practised mass-murder that was more secret and even madder than the Nazi or Soviet counterparts.

Grass Soup elucidates what lay behind the terse phrases of the diary. Strictly speaking, this is mostly an essay on hunger. At the time, Zhang and his fellow inmates were eating three bowls of soup a day boiled from grasses, and nothing else. Sex and truth were of no consequence. Quite simply: "The most beautiful thing is to be full."

Zhang does not reveal anything about himself and his background. He seems always to have wanted to write but does not say whether that was enough to qualify him as a "rightist". Fugitive details have to serve for a character sketch. He traded an Italian briefcase for food, and his spare trousers for watermelons. His spectacles were held by bits of rubber and cotton. He bought a foreign pen.

The camp was a nowhere of mud-brick huts. Untold numbers of men had died to build it. The work consisted of hauling mud-bricks by hand, or weeding rice fields whose water raised sores known locally as "crazy-itching bumps". Mosquitoes in the evening clustered into balls which could kill a man.

The inmates were either intellectuals like Zhang or convicts. Of the two, intellectuals showed the poorer character. Quick to understand what the authorities wanted, they fawned on them and denounced each other. Their knowledge was useless. One intellectual who, alone in a field, stuffed himself with unripe corn-cobs which fermented and killed him. Zhang does not spare himself. Someone he calls the Old Commissar impressed him as a genuine Communist. To curry favour with him, he wrote a poem, "Shine on, Crimson Rays". When the local newspaper rejected it, he wrote even more blatant propaganda.

Mostly peasants, the convicts were practical men who knew how to weed and steal at the same time, how to cook rats and toads, and how to get the cushy numbers. The convict who ran the duck-shed gave him two eggs, and revealed that the Old Commissar pretended to be living off grass soup, while actually eating one of these ducks every day. The convict's scorn at Zhang's naivety cut deep.

The ostensible purpose was reform through labour. Skin changes were not enough. Bones themselves, as Zhang puts it, had to be remade to suit a Mao prepared to starve the country into obedience. Reform (slavery) took place within a politicised context of "struggling". This involved a bewildering array of pressures, some crude but others psychologically sophisticated: Thought Line-Up, Evaluation of Advanced Behaviour, Double-Counter Movement, Point-out-and-Attack. Zhang treats these terms as though they were not worth submitting to explanation or analysis. All boiled down to breaking the great Chinese tradition of respect for self and for others by means of holding up the individual to contempt. Here was the communication of insanity to a whole people.

Suggestive in style, Zhang is also selective in his material to the point of mystery. He highlights only a few human contacts, closing his book with one of them, an unforgettable incident. One day a woman with her little girl approached the camp, to bring food to her convict husband. He ate it greedily, and right then and there cut his wrists. Zhang can only speculate about the poor man's motives, but being full was not beautiful enough. That unknown little girl must be about 30 now, and Zhang writes that he would do anything just as long as she could be happy. That is the answer to terrible madness.

David Pryce-Jones

Glorious muddle

Daniel Johnson

THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE
Edited by Felipe Fernández-Armesto
Times Books, £15.99

HISTORICAL ATLAS OF EAST CENTRAL EUROPE
By Paul Robert Magocsi
University of Washington, £49.99

THE STATE OF RELIGION ATLAS
By Joanne O'Brien and Martin Palmer
Simon & Schuster, £16.99/£9.99pbk

EUROPE is a glorious muddle. The ethnic, linguistic and religious mosaic which was overlaid by the topsoil of communism can only be understood with the aid of history and geography. Knowledge of time and place alone summons up the ghostly settlements and overgrown borders, mildewed martyrdoms and hushed-up humiliations that slumber in the memories of all nations.

For those who accept the challenge of the real "other Europe", three excellent reference works now come to our aid. Felipe Fernández-Armesto, the editor of *The Times Guide to the Peoples of Europe*, is an eclectic *érudit* in the mould of a Herder or a Montesquieu. He has assembled here a comprehensive series of essay-length sections on a babel of ethnic groups, which despite their brevity and anonymity manage to retain a certain literary flair.

WHEN one considers that the Caucasus region alone is home to about 40 different *linguistic* groups, the task which faced Fernández-Armesto was not an easy one. The editor draws on a wide range of academic and journalistic expertise, including past and present foreign correspondents of *The Times*. I should have liked each article to be signed; one assumes that collective authorship made this difficult.

An example of the arresting, highly debatable style of this work is the Jewish section in the chapter on "Dispersed Peoples". The anonymous author of this sympathetic portrait draws attention to the "sinister paradox" that the Jews, "who have been the worst victims of racism in modern times, have a doctrine of racial exclusiveness imbedded in their self-perception".

Just how severe their persecution has been becomes horribly clear from one of the many magnificent maps in Paul Robert Magocsi's *Historical Atlas of East Central Europe*, which shows the density of Jewish settlement around 1900. The commentary is scrupulous and neutral in tone. This is only a sample of the impressive scholarship to be found throughout this unique atlas. We await a cheaper paperback edition.

Another, less complex but still revealing map in *The State of Religion Atlas* indicates the impact of the Nazi extermination on the map of Europe by showing the Jewish population of each state in 1992 as a percentage of that in 1930, adding symbols to show the "level of anti-Semitic incidents" in different countries in the early 1990s. It may be questionable whether Britain is bracketed along with Russia and Germany in the league table of miscreants. Such maps, showing the interplay of religion and politics, are full of implications for the future. This affordable work deserves to receive wide circulation.

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An art born of humiliation

Stephen Spender

THE WORD 'WOMAN' and other writings
By Laura Riding
Carcanet, £14.95

A SELECTION OF THE POEMS OF LAURA RIDING
Edited by Robert Nye
Carcanet, £9.95 pbk

More than any other writer, Laura Riding comes to us packaged with an almost inescapable personal legend: how in 1929 she leapt out of the fourth floor window of a house in Hammersmith, breaking her spine and nearly killing herself, followed by Robert Graves who, sensibly, ran down two flights of stairs before jumping out of a second floor window to rescue her. How, leaving his then family and her admirers, they went to Majorca to set up house there, she in command and submitting Graves and various visiting poets to severe criticism of their works and to her domestic rule of witch-like terror; and how, in 1939, she went to Florida where she married Schuyler Jackson, a farmer.

The legend seems to have acquired a life inseparable from Laura Riding's, as though to prove witch-goddesses and their worshippers still exist. Out of this brew there come some remarkable writings by her: poems which are forbidding yet sometimes hypnotic. They are emanations of her character and have something of its power. For a time they influenced, in their moonlike way, Auden's early poetry, as in his beautiful poem beginning "This lunar beauty/Has no History/Is complete and early . . ."

Riding seems determined to limit poetry to the expression of ideas wrung out of literal truths of observation of her own thinking. Her poems are never allowed to stray beyond these into any effect that is for the sake of "the poetry", in order to be "poetic". Each poem seems to be both poem and renunciation of poetry. In the end poetry is rejected for the sake of philosophising in a prose which sometimes becomes a kind of abstract poetry. Central to all this is a very consciously controlling sensibility, as though Riding were an emanation of Graves's White goddess.

The collection of her prose writings, edited by Elizabeth Friedman and Alan J. Clark, is a serious and considered discussion of what it signifies to be a woman. It relates how self-admiring, posturing man has always tried to rob woman of her true identity. Instead of seeing her as the reality she is, he sees her as a problem in his own life. Riding draws a thick black line between the sexes. Although she mentions somewhere that she is married, reading her book one wonders how she could ever have crossed this line.

Although pushed to the point of caricature, her argument is powerful and, I found, often persuasive. It is that Man, the player of roles, invents a role for women — or, rather, for Woman — and refuses to recognise her real nature: "In relating woman to himself man can only consider the uses of woman: and the standing which he assigns to her derives from the importance that he attaches to her uses. He can only consider the uses of woman because he is motivated only by self-interest: his activities have to do only with himself. Woman is motivated by necessity — the necessity to maintain unity. She has no design to use man; he is something that happens."

A weakness of the book is that it is all generalisation. True, there is one chapter in which Riding discusses answers to a questionnaire she has sent out: but all the questions are addressed to women, there are none to men, and she deals with the answers rather briskly. Her argument is weakened by the impression she gives of either patronising or detesting other women. Most of all, she detests Virginia Woolf.

The male reader feels himself gradually battered into assent at all these assaults. This is largely because, while discussing qualities which are indeed perhaps common to all, or most men, and while quoting statements made by individuals, she does not examine in any depth examples of individual men, the qualities shown in their works and achievements: Shakespeare or Jesus Christ, for example.

Nevertheless this book does cover very wide areas of history, literature, work and behaviour. It examines the situation of women under what in all fields, including language, man predominates over women — an injustice which is embedded even within grammar, our use of words, indeed in words themselves. What is lacking is the slightest trace of any sense of humour. It leaves one longing for a female Voltaire.

How to paint pictures in verse

The National Gallery is an agreeable place to go, especially if you find yourself in Trafalgar Square on a day when it starts raining. The Irish poet Paul Durcan may have had this experience. Alternatively, he might have seen that nice nun who talks so splendidly about paintings on television, and thought that he could do as well himself. For whatever reason, his latest book, **Give Me Your Hand** *(Macmillan, £9.99 pbk original)*, consists of a series of poems inspired by paintings in the National Gallery. Some of them are funny, one or two of them are touching, all are accompanied by colour reproductions of the paintings which inspired them. The result is an unusual and attractive entertainment.

Light verse is an art, like any other, with few masters. Durcan has perfected a certain kind of modern dramatic monologue, tinged with surrealism, which reads well and sounds even better when you hear him recite it. He steps into paintings by artists as various as Gainsborough, Rousseau, Rubens, and Andrea del Sarto. Sometimes he inhabits their images, giving us for instance the inside story of *Greta Moll* in Matisse's portrait, or what the *Rokeby Venus* might say. But the most successful of these poems are not mere impersonations. Instead, Durcan writes of himself looking at the picture even as he writes, as if the picture could look at him. This makes for some lively psychology, and a celebration of basic human passions, as well as the odd touch of art criticism.

It should be stressed that this volume contains none of the usual arty-fartiness that sets in when chaps record their responses to paintings in the form of verse. Who else but Durcan would have found room for that mosaic of the woman washing the pig which is in the floor of the vestibule of the National Gallery, and then written from the pig's point of view?

Who in his bladders,
In her udder of udders,
Would not rather their portrait done
On floor than on wall?

Durcan has not been published by Bloodaxe, but just about everyone else has, a fact which makes for a lively anthology in the shape of **Poetry with an Edge**, edited by Neil Astley *(Bloodaxe, £8.95 pbk)*. Bloodaxe poets can't be labelled, as they say, but the best of them do have a vigour and a grittiness in common, and here you will find good work by such as Basil Bunting, Martin Bell, Miroslav Holub, Brendan Kennelly, Jenny Joseph, Stewart Conn, Tony Harrison, Frances Horowitz, Selima Hill, Peter Didsbury, and several others less well-known. In the last category I would certainly nominate the youngest poet in the book, Sara Berkeley, as someone whose future work should be worth seeking out. She is already her own woman.

Wilfred Owen, killed a week before the Armistice, is generally admitted to be the finest of the First World War poets, both in promise and accomplishment. **The War Poems of Wilfred Owen**, edited by Jon Stallworthy *(Chatto & Windus, £4.99 pbk)* will show you why. The war made Owen a poet. It shocked his senses into a brief, wounded wakefulness. It brought him painfully alive in words, and it killed him. the image of Owen which comes from these pages is of a brilliant mother's boy crammed into an army greatcoat several sizes too big for him, and thrust into a man-made hell: a boy raging and weeping that his mother has betrayed him, that he will shock her with news of what life is really like, and death... And then there comes the realisation that in such a great poem as "Strange Meeting" Owen got beyond anything we can possibly say about him: "I am the enemy you killed, my friend." Stallworthy, Owen's biographer, provides an exemplary edition, with excellent notes and an illuminating introduction. His subject is Owen, and the pity of Owen. No one who cares for poetry should miss this.

ROBERT NYE

Michael Hofmann on the letters of America's most popular poet

Loneliest lady who ever loved

ONE ART
Elizabeth Bishop: The Selected Letters
Edited by Robert Giroux
Chatto & Windus, £25

Elizabeth Bishop (1911-1979) is the best-loved poet in America, and has been for some years. Such dissimilar poets as Anthony Hecht and John Ashbery unite in proclaiming their devotion to her work. Typically, an American writing student will have read one or two anthologies, some randomly chosen volume published in the last six months, and — Elizabeth Bishop. This huge volume of her letters — one fifth of the total, selected by her friend and publisher, Robert Giroux — doubles her output at a stroke, but without impairing its quality. No one who has *The Complete Poems* and *The Collected Prose* (and everyone should!) will want to be without it for long.

In her lifetime, she was the poets' poet: her noisier and more eye-catchingly self-destructive male colleagues, Lowell, Jarrell, Berryman, all admired her and fell over themselves to commend her cool, elusive and home-made poems. But if they would be astonished by her pre-eminence now, so still more would she herself have been. She lived almost half of her working life abroad, didn't teach, gave no readings, didn't engage in poe-business until her last years, and, as she wrote to Lowell, "always felt that I've written poetry more by *not* writing it than writing it".

She was a traveller from conviction, and from necessity. Like the sandpiper in her poem of that name, she ranged up and down the Atlantic coastline, from Nova Scotia where she grew up, to Brazil where she arrived on a cruise and ended up staying 15 years. Being, as she said, "elsewhere" was essential to her. In the States, she preferred the unregarded corners of Key West and Maine. With the material she collected in these places, she bought herself privacy and space.

Once, in an uncharacteristic moment of *guignol*, she said to Robert Lowell: "When you write my epitaph, you must say *I was the loneliest person who ever lived.*" She was lonely but far from unsocial, in fact with a gift for intimacy, keeping friends for 30, 40, 50 years. Like her poems, her letters are like wonderful conversation: entertaining, communicative, vocal, solicitous, affectionate, generous. What they aren't (except very rarely) is personal: the subjectivity is always directed outwards.

One particular virtue of Elizabeth Bishop is the balance between the self and the world, between the eye (or "I") and what it sees. Her contemporaries invited the reader into their souls, had no secrets, cultivated extreme individuality and extreme experience. She was just as unhappy and unstable as they: an orphan at two, a borderline alcoholic, two long lesbian relationships ending in the suicide and insanity of companions. But she practised decorum and wit, was recessive, fugitive, kept pointing to a world beyond herself, in what now seems a heroically diversionary defensive strategy, a form of camouflage or display. What she offered her correspondents and her readers was not herself — fearing or deprecating the gift — but the world, which has rarely seemed more fascinating than in her descriptions of it.

Line for line, her writing must have more colour, amusement and brilliance than anyone's, whether it's the blue skin of her toucan bathing, "as if he had blue jeans on under the feathers", or some Carolina hillbillies: "*almost* like *Tobacco Road*. One little girl comes in every morning to help us clean: her name is *Walterine*, her father is a moonshiner. She is 14 and very pretty and is going to get married this winter to a boy of 16. She has eight brothers and sisters . . ."

These letters communicate the joy of experiencing the world through Bishop's eyes, and very little of the ghastliness, though there is no doubt at all that she understood that too. "Most things are for the worst," she merely observes.

Most writers pluck or strum or bang. Bishop (and I can only think of Kafka who proceeds in a similar way) arranges impressions into complicated chords, full of revised, contradictory, accumulated notions. Elements of "design" or "meaning" seem almost frivolous, compared to these precisely chaotic chords. It is what finally makes her such a tremendously inspiring writer:

"Lota was away in Rio and I was all alone with the servants and the toucan (who had a sore foot) & the cat (who was being wormed) and the *roaring* waterfall . . . I kept reading Coleridge's letters — just couldn't stop — and *his* weather got worse and worse & his health more and more excrutiating, until when he had "flying irregular gout", had got drenched one more time and his finances were beyond hope, I could scarcely believe that I was dry, had no symptoms of anything at all, and was at least solvent enough to send you this very small memento. I feel as if I could scarcely be said to exist, beside C. You must read him, though . . ."



Lillie Langtry in Boston (1886-87), a portrait of Edward VII's favourite actress by James Notman. The Notman brothers emigrated from Paisley to Montreal and set up several famous studios. From *The World of William Notman* (McClelland & Stewart, £40)

Battle of the slim volumes

Poetry is selling again, so the publishers say — and this spring two major publishers are each putting their money where their mouth is by launching a new poetry series in good-looking paperback format.

The books on the new Sinclair-Stevenson list cost £6.99 each, and are headed by James Michie's **Collected Poems**. Michie, now in his mid-sixties, has been publishing poems sparingly all his life. He is an epigrammatic rather than a mellifluous poet, but almost every one of these slowly-gathered pieces has a firm kernel of wit or complex feeling. In one typical poem, he sits on the river-bank fishing, using satire as his fishing-rod — but what he hauls in is "an ancient horrifying conger", which is "the long lie of his education". Satire cannot deal with this monster — the fishing-line breaks and the ugly brute goes back into the river, once more free. He also includes some wry, tender love poems, never expecting too much from the girl (or from himself), but always grateful.

Anthony Thwaite's **The Dust of the World** and Alan Brownjohn's **In The Cruel Arcade** are both collections by poets long practised at writing a shapely verse. Thwaite nowadays looks mostly for public occasions, like the death of other poets, or for incidents abroad. He often builds up unemphatic details till feeling breaks out in a plangent final line: like the last words of the poet George MacBeth, "How long will *I* sleep?" Brownjohn is more introspective. "Moving from hope to hope like stepping stones" one of his poems begins, and many of these poems are about uneasy hopes. He, too, commemorates MacBeth's recent death — by desperately visiting a young prostitute to assuage his grief. Afterwards, he is sure (or is it too sure?) that MacBeth's photograph smiles understandingly at him.

The youngest of Sinclair-Stevenson's poets is Martyn Crucefix, whose collection is called **On Whistler Mountain**. As with films nowadays, you do not know what his poems are about till you are some way into them, but that is clearly what he intends. He likes to create an energetic criss-crossing of moods and words belonging to different people at different times, until a picture gradually emerges, as in the long poem "At The Mountjoy Hotel", about a restless bardy watching a wedding reception on a Saturday afternoon. There is real if disorderly vitality here, and some sharp, often comic observation in the shorter poems. Also in the Sinclair-Stevenson list: **Selected Poems** by Jon Silkin and **This Time of Year** by Ruth Fainlight.

The poets in the new Jonathan Cape list are wilder and cost a penny more (the books are £7 each). Peter Redgrove has been composing gleeful fantasies for years and his new collection **My Father's Trapdoors** is in the same unmistakable vein. He imagines a man serving his woman all-black meals (coffee, molasses) in the daytime and all-white meals ("boiled fish and spumanti") at night — until she turns the tables by making scarlet curry and "lung-pink cakes". All quite teasingly sexy and funny — but such fantasy tires rather quickly.

Eleanor Cooke's fantasies in **Secret Files** are about the Virgin Mary. She offers a half-bawdy, half-mystical rewriting of the story of Christ and his mother, which brings in two Marys that have hitherto been mixed up. The bizarre incidents and paradoxical metaphors occasionally stab one into response but more often they seem to leave the sphere of intelligibility.

John Burnside in **The Myth of the Twin** records numerous intuitions of a spiritual world lurking within the everyday — like "the whisper of the wind on frosted glass" or "the crown of thorns in a woodpigeon's nest". In other poems, the absence of that world becomes even more haunting.

The main weakness in the work of all these last three poets is their lack of any compelling rhythm — or indeed of any attempt to create one. Too many of their poems move like a dog with a paralysed leg — heave, collapse, heave, collapse, from one line to the next. Other books in the Cape series: **Turner** by David Dabydeen and **The Handless Maiden** by Vicki Feaver.

DERWENT MAY

A commodity of names

Walter Ellis

ULTIMATE RISK
The Inside Story of the Lloyds Catastrophe
By Adam Raphael
Bantam, £16.99

The fuss is far from dying down. It may well get worse. But as the protracted struggle between outraged Lloyd's names and the world's most famous insurance market moves to the courts, the nature of what went wrong in the 1980s is at least becoming clear.

For centuries, Lloyd's of London was a bourgeois and supremely comfortable institution. So long as premiums exceeded outgoings, it made for its members a respectable second income.

Then, as Adam Raphael, himself a name, explains in this highly readable insider's account, two things happened. First, losses grew out of all proportion to capital. Unforeseen claims brought by sufferers from asbestosis were compounded by a series of natural and manmade disasters. Second, the probity of Lloyd's itself began to unravel. Underwriters had in some instances begun to look after themselves and their most valued clients at the expense of smaller investors.

At least until the arrival of the present chairman, David Rowland, the top men at Lloyd's have presided over disaster with a mixture of insouciance and surprise, rushing through ill-considered reforms accompanied by assurances that all would be well. Robert Hiscox, the new deputy chairman, is quoted as saying: "I am often asked how Lloyd's came to fail so spectacularly. My answer is: no management discipline or quality control from the centre of Lloyd's to control the 1980s fever of greed and expansion."

Raphael fears not only for his own future and that of fellow victims, but for the future of Lloyd's itself, which he believes may not survive fresh financial storms. The effect of such a collapse would be considerable. At its height, the market had more than 140 managing agencies, controlling more than 400 different syndicates, via 32,000 names, with a capacity of £11 billion. When things went well, the benefit to Britain, as well to the names, was vast. Most of the world's insurers secure their risks via the London market.

For names, everything depended on the syndicates to which they were assigned. Raphael quotes a study which shows that, from 1986-90, some names were able to turn a profit of £250,000 while others were left with debts of more than £1 million. Many middle-class professionals who had been persuaded during the upbeat 1980s to post their homes as security now, through bad advice, face bankruptcy.

The suspicion is that the riskiest syndicates, known as long-tail or spiral syndicates, were underwritten largely by these naive newcomers to the market, leaving the safe "lines" to experienced insiders and their cronies. Court proceedings instituted by disgruntled names are already under way. For many small investors, however, the 1980s can never properly be discounted. Raphael at least has this book — clear, concise, with a kind of pained objectivity — to help him rebuild his fortune. Others can do little more than ask passers-by for their change.

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No function of inquests to attribute blame or responsibility

Regina v Coroner for North Humberside and Scunthorpe, Ex parte Jamieson

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Hirst

[Judgment April 25]

It was not the function of a coroner or his jury to determine any question of criminal or civil liability, to appear to do so or to attribute blame or responsibility. The ambit of enquiry was solely directed to establishing the identity of the deceased, where, when and by what means he came by his death.

In that context "lack of care" or "neglect", as it should more appropriately be expressed, was the obverse of self-neglect and connoted gross failure to provide sustenance, shelter or necessary medical attention for a person who was dependent by reason of age, illness, or incarceration. Such a finding could not form part of any verdict *unless a clear and direct* causal link was established between that conduct and the death.

Where a deceased had killed himself, neglect could not form part of a verdict of suicide merely because he had been given an opportunity to take his own life.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by Roy Jamieson from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Mantell) (*The Times* July 23, 1993) which had refused his application for judicial review of the direction given by the Coroner for North Humberside and Scunthorpe to the jury at an inquest into the death of the *applicant's* brother, Michael Jamieson, that they should not consider a verdict of or a reference to lack of care.

The deceased, who was serving a long term of imprisonment, was known by the prison authorities to be a suicide risk. He had hanged himself while accommodated in a single cell of the hospital wing on the night of January 24/25, 1991. The staff on duty, a nurse and two prison officers, had not been told to keep particular watch on any prisoner and had made hourly checks throughout the night.

At the inquest there had been some conflict of evidence as to whether the deceased, who had been accommodated during the day in a ward with other prisoners, had indicated that he wished to remain there at night and whether that wish had been communicated to the doctor responsible for his care.

Mr Ian MacDonald, QC and Mr Tim Owen for the applicant; Mr Stephen Richards as *amicus curiae*; Mr Ian Burnett for the coroner.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, *giving the judgment of the court*, referred to the Coroners Act 1988 and the Coroners Rules (SI 1984 No 552). Where the death occurred in a prison the duty arose under section 8(3)(a) to hold an inquest with a jury. The jury were required to give their verdict and certify it by an inquisition which was to set out who the deceased was and "how, when and where the deceased came by his death": see section 11(5)(b)(i) and (ii).

Rule 36 of the 1984 Rules required that the proceedings and evidence be directed solely to ascertaining those matters and prohibited either the coroner or the jury from expressing any opinion on any other matters.

No person was to be permitted to address the coroner or jury as to the facts: see rule 40.

By rule 42 no verdict was to be framed in such a way as to appear to determine any question of criminal liability on the part of a named person, or civil liability.

A coroner who believed that action should be taken to prevent a repetition of similar fatalities might report the matter to the relevant authority: see rule 43.

Rule 60 authorised the use of forms set out in Schedule 4 to the 1984 Rules and reference was made to form 22 which provided an annotated model inquisition.

Mr MacDonald had urged that the jury's approach to determining how the deceased had come by his death should not be limited; that there was no legal reason why their verdict should not impute blame; that such imputation was often inevitable; and that uninhibited factual enquiry was particularly necessary where a death occurred in custody.

He had submitted that a lack of care verdict could be free standing or ancillary, although where the deceased had killed himself it might only be appropriate if ancillary to a primary verdict of suicide; that it embraced a failure to treat or ameliorate a mental as well as a physical condition; that it might be appropriate not only where there was a dependency relationship but also where a person who was seriously ill or injured could have been saved by timely intervention; and that lack of care in the present context was different from and narrower than common law negligence.

Mr Richards, whose general legal submissions were adopted by Mr Burnett, had argued that the jury's essential function was to investigate facts directly causative of death and not to attribute blame or responsibility; that "lack of care" did not mean carelessness but failure to provide care for another who was dependent on it; that it was the obverse of self-neglect.

He submitted that lack of care could apply to a mental as to a physical condition, but that there had to be a clear causal connection between the lack of care and the death; that lack of care had no place where a deceased took his own life or, if it had, it could only be ancillary to a primary verdict.

The court stated its conclusions:

1 An inquest was a fact finding enquiry conducted by a coroner with or without a jury to establish reliable answers to four limited factual questions: (i) the identity of the deceased; (ii) the place of death; (iii) the time of death and (iv) how he came by his death. Rule 36 required that the proceedings and evidence should be directed solely to ascertaining those matters and forbade any expression of opinion on any other matter.

2 Both in section 11(5)(b)(ii) of the *1988 Act* and in rule 36(1)(b) "how" was to be understood as meaning "by what means". It was noteworthy that the task was not to ascertain how the deceased died, which might raise general and far reaching issues, but a more limited question directed to the means by which the deceased came by his death.

3 It was not the function of a coroner or his jury to determine, or appear to do so, any question of criminal or civil liability, to apportion guilt or attribute blame.

Rule 42 treated criminal and civil liability differently: whereas a verdict was not to be framed so as to appear to determine any question of criminal liability on the part of a named person, thereby legitimating a verdict of unlawful killing provided no one was named, the prohibition on returning a verdict so as to appear to decide any question of civil liability was unqualified.

4 That prohibition in the rules was fortified by considerations of fairness. The law accorded a defendant accused of crime or a party alleged to have committed a civil wrong certain safeguards rightly regarded as essential to the fairness of the proceedings, among them a clear statement in writing *of the alleged wrongdoing, a right* to call any relevant admissible evidence and a right to address factual submissions to the tribunal of fact.

Those rights were not granted, and the last was expressly denied by the rules, to a party whose conduct might be impugned by evidence given at an inquest.

5 While it might be accepted that in case of conflict the statutory duty to ascertain how the deceased came by his death had to prevail over the prohibition in rule 42, the scope for conflict was small. The rule applied only to the verdict. Plainly the coroner and the jury might explore facts bearing on criminal and civil liability.

6 There could be no objection to a verdict which incorporated a brief neutral factual statement, but it must express no judgment or opinion and it was not the jury's function to prepare detailed factual statements.

7 Cases did arise, usually involving the old, the infirm and the senile, where the deceased contributed to his death by a gross failure to take adequate sustenance or to obtain basic medical attention, shelter or heating.

In such a case, while it might be factually accurate and helpfully descriptive to state that self-neglect aggravated, or preferably contributed to, the primary cause of death, it could rarely if ever be so to regard self-neglect as the primary cause of death; in the language of the authorities, to adopt it was a free standing verdict.

8 Much of the difficulty to which verdicts of lack of care had given rise appeared to be due to an almost inevitable confusion between that expression and the lack of care which was the foundation for a successful claim in common law negligence. Since many of those seeking that verdict did so as a stepping stone towards such a claim the boundary was bound to become blurred.

In the context of an inquest, lack of care had been correctly described as the obverse of self-neglect. It was to be hoped that in future the expression "lack of care" might for practical purposes be deleted from the lexicon of inquests and replaced by "neglect".

9 Neglect in the present context meant a gross failure to provide adequate nourishment or liquid, or to provide or procure basic medical attention or shelter or warmth for someone in a dependent position, because of youth, age, illness or incarceration, who could not provide it for himself.

Failure to provide medical attention for a dependent person whose physical or mental condition showed that he obviously needed it might amount to neglect.

10 As in the case of self-neglect, neglect could rarely, if ever, be an appropriate verdict on its own. The notes to form 22 in the 1984 Rules, although in themselves of no binding force, were correct to recognise that neglect might contribute to a death from natural causes, industrial disease or drug abuse. A verdict that, for instance, "the deceased died from natural causes to which neglect contributed" would seem more apt than a verdict that he had died from natural causes "aggravated by neglect", since in that context "aggravated" meant "made worse" and neglect probably did not make the fatal condition worse but sacrificed the opportunity to halt or cure it.

11 Where it was established that the deceased took his own life, that was to be the verdict. On facts such as were accepted by the applicant in the present case there was no room for a verdict of neglect. It was also inappropriate in such a case to describe the cause of death as aggravated by neglect.

On certain facts it could possibly be correct to hold that neglect contributed to that cause of death, but that finding would not be justified simply on the ground that the deceased was afforded an opportunity to take his own life even if it was careless, as that expression was used in common speech or in the law of negligence, to afford him that opportunity.

Such a finding would only be appropriate where gross neglect was directly connected with the suicide, for example, if a prison warder observed a prisoner in his cell preparing to hang a noose around his neck but passed on without any attempt to intervene.

12 Neither neglect or self-neglect should ever form part of any verdict unless a clear and direct causal connection was established between the conduct so described and the cause of death.

13 It was for the coroner alone to make reports with a view to preventing the recurrence of a fatality: see rules 36(2) and 43.

14 It was the duty of the coroner as the public official responsible for the conduct of inquests, whether sitting with a jury or not, to ensure that the relevant facts were fully, *fairly and fearlessly* investigated.

He was bound to recognise the acute public concern rightly aroused where deaths occurred in custody. He had to ensure that the relevant facts were exposed to public scrutiny, particularly if there were evidence of foul play, abuse or inhumanity.

He failed in his duty if his investigation was superficial, slipshod or perfunctory. But the responsibility was his. He had to set the bounds of the enquiry. He had to rule on the procedure to be followed. His decisions, like those of any other judicial officer, were to be respected unless and until they were varied or overruled.

In the present case there was no doubt but that the deceased took his own life. That was the only possible verdict. The jury could not properly have found that neglect contributed to that cause of death. That was so even if all the disputed facts, such as they were, for most were not in dispute, were resolved in the applicant's favour.

At its highest, the applicant's case suggested that the doctors and the prison authorities had given the deceased an opportunity to take his own life.

Even if accepted, and it would be wrong for the court, as for the jury, to express any opinion, that case could not support a verdict that neglect had contributed to the deceased's suicide.

The appeal would accordingly be dismissed.

Solicitors: Ison Harrison & Co, Leeds; Treasury Solicitor; Mr I. L. L. Davies, Beverley.

Attendance allowance for the blind

Mallinson v Secretary of State for Social Security

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Mustill, Lord Woolf and Lord Lloyd of Berwick

[Speeches April 21]

The guidance that a blind man needed when walking in unfamiliar surroundings was "attention ... in connection with his bodily functions" for the purpose of claiming an attendance allowance under section 35(1) of the Social Security Act 1975, now section 64 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992.

The House of Lords by a majority (Lord Mustill and Lord Lloyd dissenting) allowed an appeal by Mr Eric Mallinson from the Court of Appeal (*The Times* April 2, 1993), who by a majority (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Mann, Lord Justice Nolan dissenting) had dismissed his appeal from Mrs R. F. M. Heggs, a social security commissioner.

She had on September 25, 1991, dismissed his appeal from a determination on review by a delegated medical practitioner, acting on behalf of the attendance allowance board, on December 12, 1990, to the effect that Mr Mallinson's blindness did not entitle him to an attendance allowance under section 35(1) of the 1975 Act.

Section 35 of the 1975 Act provides: "(1) A person shall be entitled to an attendance allowance if ... (a) he is so severely disabled ... that ... he requires from another person either — (i) frequent attention throughout the day in connection with his bodily functions, or (ii) continual supervision throughout the day in order to avoid substantial damage to himself or others..."

Mr Richard Drabble for Mr Mallinson; Mr Duncan Ouseley, QC and Mr Paul Stinchcombe for the secretary of state.

LORD TEMPLEMAN, agreeing with Lord Woolf, said that the courts had given a wide meaning to "bodily functions": see *R v National Insurance Commissioner, Ex parte Secretary of State for Social Services ("Packer's Case")* ([1981] 1 WLR 1017, 1022) and *In re Woodling* ([1984] 1 WLR 348).

Mr Mallinson was severely disabled by blindness. Although he could wash himself when he was in the bath, he required attention in connection with his bodily function of bathing in the form of assistance in getting into and out of the bath. Although he could feed himself, he required attention in connection with his bodily function of eating in the form of assistance in cutting up his food.

He could walk but he required attention in connection with his bodily function of walking in the form of assistance to guide and help him when he was outdoors.

He could walk within the confines of his flat without attention, but that facility was only a factor that the adjudication officer would bear in mind in deciding whether the aggregate attention required by Mr Mallinson in connection with his bodily functions of bathing, eating and walking amounted to "frequent attention throughout the day".

LORD WOOLF said that it was accepted that what Mr Mallinson required in unfamiliar surroundings was to have a person to accompany him. That person would act as his guide. He would guide Mr Mallinson either physically or orally by describing what he should do. Both methods involved the guide acting as Mr Mallinson's eyes, doing for him what he could not do for himself, which was to see where he was going.

The commissioner had stated that Mr Mallinson "is able to walk and even does so out of doors. However, he does risk injury when walking in unfamiliar surroundings because he cannot see."

She had endorsed the delegated medical practitioner's classification of the assistance required by Mr Mallinson when walking as supervision rather than attention. If that was right, Mr Mallinson would not qualify for attendance allowance under section 35(1)(a)(ii) because such supervision would not be "continual ... throughout the day".

In his Lordship's opinion, the guiding that Mr Mallinson required in unfamiliar surroundings constituted "attention". The process of guiding had the active and the close, caring, personal qualities referred to in the authorities.

The position was different from that of, for example, a mother coming out to watch her child cross the road. She would, no doubt, be in a position to intervene if there was a situation of danger but until she did so she would be supervising, not attending to her child...

No doubt there would be borderline cases, but where, as here, the function could not take place without assistance, that assistance was likely to constitute attention. "Attention" and "supervision" were not, however, mutually exclusive.

Mr Drabble recognised that the quantum of assistance that Mr Mallinson received in unfamiliar surroundings could not, by itself, amount to "frequent" attention. The case would have to be remitted so that the appropriate fact finding tribunal could consider whether the aggregation of attention that Mr Mallinson required in connection with walking, cutting up food and bathing amounted to such attention.

That could prove a formidable hurdle. The requirement of frequency of attention throughout the day was a significant control on the circumstances in which the allowance was payable.

Was the attention that Mr Mallinson received when walking "in connection with his bodily functions"? To answer that question it was necessary to identify the function. So far, the suggestion that the attention could be in connection with Mr Mallinson's bodily function of seeing had been rejected out of hand. That was wrong.

The problem that Mr Mallinson had was that because he could not see he did not know, in unfamiliar surroundings, where to walk, or, when crossing the road, when to walk. His walking ability itself was unimpaired and if he could overcome his ability to see his mobility was also unimpaired.

He overcame the lack of the bodily function of seeing that restricted his mobility in his home by memorising his surroundings and in unfamiliar surroundings by having the attention of a guide who could see the surroundings for him.

His Lordship rejected the submission that the attention could not be with the bodily function of seeing because Mr Mallinson could not see.

The fact that a person's disability was so severe that he was incapable of exercising a bodily function did not mean that the attention he received was not in connection with that function. The attention was in connection with the function if it provided a substitute method of providing what the function would provide if it were not totally or partially impaired.

The appeal should be allowed and, so that the frequency of the attention throughout the day could be re-assessed, the case should be remitted for reconsideration and a second-tier adjudication by an adjudication officer.

LORD LLOYD, dissenting, said that the distinction between attention and supervision had long been recognised. In a previous case, a commissioner had said that they were intended to denote two separate concepts.

Attention denoted a concept of some personal service of an active nature, such as helping the disabled person to wash or eat. Supervision denoted a more passive concept, such as being in the same room prepared to intervene if necessary but not actually intervening save in emergencies.

Mr Drabble said that guiding the blind involved active intervention all the time and should therefore be classified as attention rather than supervision. Supervision, he said, was passive by nature, such as the supervision that parents provided for their children.

But the concept of supervision was not confined to the nursery or the sick-room. Young children might also require supervision in the street or when crossing a busy road, in case they got run over.

So might the blind. The dangers for the blind were greater, since they might also walk into stationary obstacles. But the service provided was essentially the same in both cases and both were correctly described as supervision.

"Walking in unfamiliar surroundings" was much too vague and imprecise to count as a separate bodily function. The only *relevant bodily function*, apart from getting into and out of bed and cutting up food, was walking. No doubt Mr Mallinson's enjoyment of that function was limited but the function itself was unimpaired.

On the basis that the relevant function was seeing rather than walking, *Mr Mallinson's chances* of success would not, in *his Lordship's* view, be any greater. If one were to ask a blind man's guide what his purpose was, he would reply "I am helping him to walk because he cannot see"; he would not say "I am helping him see to walk."

Lord Browne-Wilkinson agreed with Lord Woolf and Lord Mustill agreed with Lord Lloyd.

Solicitors: Mr David Thomas, Child Poverty Action Group; Solicitor, Department of Social Security.

Murder summons refusal lawful

Regina v Bingley Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Morrow

Before Lord Justice Staughton and Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment April 13]

A refusal by justices to issue a summons on an information for murder was justified where there had been a declaration by a civil court that the actions which had led to death should not attract criminal liability.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in refusing the appeal of the Rev James Morrow against the decision of Mr Justice Hutchison, sitting as a single judge, on June 28, 1993 not to grant leave for judicial review of the decision of Bingley Magistrates' Court on March 16, 1993 to refuse to issue a summons on an information that Dr James Howe murdered Anthony Bland on March 3, 1993.

Dr James Howe had discontinued all treatment sustaining the life of Anthony Bland and the Rev Morrow laid an information for murder before the Bingley Justices on the basis that they were not bound by a declaration in *Airedale NHS Trust v Bland* (*The Times* February 5, 1993; [1993] AC 789) that there should be no criminal prosecutions in such circumstances and they should therefore issue a summons as they had no discretion to do otherwise under *section 1(2) of the Magistrates'* Courts Act 1980.

The Rev Morrow in person: the justices did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that in *Bland* it had been said that if death occurred because of the removal of life support and nutrition it should be attributed to natural causes and anything done in good faith should be without criminal or civil liability.

It was not possible to hold that the justices were wrong to refuse to issue a summons.

The guidance in *Bland* should inhibit prosecution or if the action went ahead the ruling of the House of Lords would be an answer to prosecution.

Correction

In *Hammersmith and Fulham LBC v Hill* (*The Times* April 25) Ms Lorna Tagliavini appeared for the tenant and Miss Freya Newbery for the landlords.

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BULL, WILLIAM ROBERT BULL late of Wickford, Essex died there on 18 December 1993
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COOMB, EDNA RHODA COOMB otherwise EDNA COOMB SPENSTEN late of Balham, London SW12 died at Tooting, London SW17 on 27 February 1993
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GOULD, ARTHUR JOHN GOULD late of Abbey Wood, London SE2 died at Sydenham, London SE26 on 21 June 1992
(Estate about £8,000)
GREY nee ADAMS, VIOLET ENA GREY otherwise ENA VIOLET GREY otherwise ENA GREY nee ADAMS WIDOW late of Gloucester died there on 30 May 1993
(Estate about £28,000)
HIGGINSON, JAMES DOUGLAS HIGGINSON late of Wembley, Middlesex died at Harrow, Middlesex on 17 November 1993
(Estate about £100,000)
LANE otherwise TILLMAN, GORDON CLARENCE TILLMAN LANE otherwise GORDON CLARENCE TILLMAN otherwise GORDON TILLMAN late of Paignton, Devon died at Torquay, Devon on 6 September 1993
(Estate about £18,000)
MORSE nee POTTER, DORA NETTLE MORSE nee POTTER WIDOW late of Forest Hill, London SE23 died there on 4 May 1992
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NEAVES, DAVID HECTOR NEAVES late of Margate, Kent died at Thanet, Kent on 25 March 1993
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WRIGHT, ALEXANDER GEORGE WRIGHT late of Cleethorpes, Humberside died there on 31 October 1993
(Estate about £16,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

REVERTER OF SITES ACT 1987
THE FORMER CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL, ONECOTE IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD

WHEREAS:
1 By a Conveyance dated 10 Dec 1873 between D H Sneyd and William Tomson and Vicar and Churchwardens of Onecote with Bradnop the site (and buildings) of what became known as the Onecote School was granted to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Onecote with Bradnop in trustees pursuant to Section 2 of School Sites Act 1841 and is now vested in the Vicar and Churchwardens of Onecote with Bradnop.
The said school premises ceased to be used for the purposes of a voluntary school in July 1984 and pursuant to section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 a trust for sale has arisen in respect of the said premises.
THE FORMER CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL, CAULDON LOWE IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD

WHEREAS:
1 By a Conveyance dated 20 May 1847 between Mary Anne Mom Gilbert the site (and buildings) of what became known as the Cauldon Lowe Church School was granted to the Vicar and Churchwardens as trustees pursuant to Section 2 of the Schools Sites Act 1841 and is now vested in the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education.
2. The said school premises ceased to be used for the purposes of a voluntary school in August 1980 and pursuant to Section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 a trust for sale has arisen in respect of the said premises.
NOW TAKE NOTICE
1 The Diocese of Lichfield have made application to the Secretary of State for Education and Science for the inclusion of the above named schools in a future Order under Section 2 of the Education Act 1973; the purpose of the Order being to allow the assets of the foundation to be used for the benefit of new and continuing schools of the same denomination within the Diocese. The same Order will extinguish the rights of beneficiaries under the trust.
2 Any beneficiary who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of their rights should notify their claim in writing to Fowler, Langley and Wright not later than 29 July 1994
Address for Correspondence:
Messrs Fowler Langley & Wright
20 Waterloo Road
Wolverhampton
WV1 4BY

LEGAL NOTICES

ABBEYBREAK LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House 186-192 High Road Ilford Essex on 10/05/94 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99, 100 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co Trevlot House 186-192 High Road Ilford Essex IG1 1JQ between 10.00am & 4.00pm on from 06/05/94 Dated: 26/04/94. B C Everingham (Director)

TEESLEG SERVICES LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that Ian Donald Williams and Anthony Peter McQueen Benedict of Benedict McQueen, 62 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BU were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above company by the members on 18 April 1994.
Dated this 25 day of April 1994
Ian Donald Williams and Anthony Peter McQueen Benedict
Joint Liquidators

LEGAL NOTICES

POUNDWORLD U.K. LIMITED
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of May 1994, to send their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debt or claim and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Melvyn Ross of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury road, London NW9 0BS, the Joint Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 26th April 1994
Jamie Taylor - Joint Liquidator

POUNDWORLD U.K. LIMITED
The Insolvency Act 1986
this is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors and Contributories of the above-named Company held on Monday 18th April 1994, Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Gotham, The Old Exchange, 234 Southchurch Road, Southend on Sea, Essex SS1 2EG and Melvyn Rose of Messrs. Elliot Woolfe and Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS having provided written statements that they are qualified to act as insolvency practitioners in relation to the above-named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that they consent so to act, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the company.
THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS ARE ENPOWERED TO ACT TOGETHER OR BY ANY ONE OF THEM ALONE.
Dated the 18th April 1994
GERRY KREIZEL, Chairman

Re: KEEPNEW LTD (formerly TOPGOLD DEV. LTD) t/a "The Barn Hotel"
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above-named company will be held at 605 Salisbury House, 31 Finsbury Circus, LONDON EC2M 5SQ on the 3 May 1994, at 10.00am, for the purposes of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors' committee to exercise the functions conferred on, by, or under the Act.
A copy of the report in the meeting will be supplied, free of charge, to creditors upon their written request.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
(a) they have delivered to the address above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and;
(b) there also been lodged any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated this day of 18 April 1994
P.B. HARRINGTON and G.M. JONES, Administrative Receivers.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Oasthurst Trust - General
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number FOA/209690/1-CD (Legal).

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Cawley Brothers (Chertsey) Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD on the 11 May at 10.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting (unless attending in person) must lodge a proxy at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD no later than noon on 10 May 1994. A form of proxy is enclosed. A list of names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected at the offices of Graham Hewitt & Co. 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD between 10 and 5 pm during the two days next before the meeting.
Dated this 25th day of April 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Peter Crawley
Director

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
A & J (Lift Services) Limited
Reg No: 1547870
Notice is hereby given, that we, Ladislav Horman and Frank Stansil of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London, EC2Y 5DH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of A & J (Lift Services) Limited on 18/04/94 by National Westminster Bank Plc under the powers contained in a debenture dated 13/12/88 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over the assets of the company. Assets of the company of which the person appointed is not made receiver: None. Dated: 21/04/94. Ladislav Horman (Joint Administrative Receiver)

MIDMAIN INFORMATION SYSTEMS LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Michael J C Oldham, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crawley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 21st April 1994. DATED THIS 21ST APRIL 1994
Michael J C Oldham
Liquidator

OVERNITE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LE, on 2nd May 1994 at 10.30 for the purposes provided in Section 98 of sea.
A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 853, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LE, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 21st April 1994
Robert Crofts - Director

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
EUROBOOG LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
Reg No:2178613
Notice is hereby given that Alan Redvers Price & Nicholas John Mather (office holder nos 5046 and 7899 respectively) of Cannon Beckmann & Price, Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BJ have been appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above Company on 19/04/94 by Barclays Bank Plc.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1994 AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of The Automobile Association will be held at The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London, on Thursday 2 June 1994 at 10.45 am to receive the Report of the Committee and the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 1993, to elect Members of the Committee, to elect the Auditor and to deal with any other business that the Meeting is competent to transact.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a Special General Meeting of The Automobile Association will be held at the same place and on the same date to start immediately following the above Annual General Meeting or at 11.30 am, whichever shall be the later, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing a Resolution repealing the existing Rules of the Association in their entirety and, in substitution therefor, adopting new Rules.

Dated 6 April 1994

By order of the *Committee of*
The Automobile Association
C J SKEEN
Secretary

Norfolk House
Priestley Road
Basingstoke RG24 9NY

Members are reminded to bring their AA membership card with them.

Copies of the Report and Accounts and of the text of the proposed new Rules are available to members on application to the Secretary. An explanatory note on the effect of the proposed new Rules is set out below. A memorandum giving further information about the changes which would be made by the proposed new Rules is also available to members on application to the Secretary.

Explanatory Note on the proposed new Rules

If adopted, the proposed new Rules would alter the existing Rules in the following principal respects:

1. The objects of The Automobile Association ("the AA") would be widened to include the provision of assistance to members of the AA ("Members") as house owners or occupiers. There would be a new object expressly empowering the AA to represent the interests of road users, while having regard to wider environmental interests. There would also be express powers to provide services and benefits to Members through subsidiaries and other third parties and, provided it was in the best interests of the AA, to transfer all or part of the AA's undertaking to another body.
2. The right to vote at meetings of the AA could only be given to Members who are individuals.
3. A special vote of the Committee would be required to re-admit a Member whose previous conduct had led to the Member's expulsion or to the non-renewal of his/her membership.
4. The Committee would have a new power to suspend Members whose conduct was injurious to the AA or who, for example, made unreasonably excessive use of any of the services and benefits of membership. The existing power of expulsion would also be exercisable in any such case. There would be a new power to require such Members to make an additional payment before membership, services and benefits were provided.
5. Where a Member's entitlement to benefits and services is duplicated (eg. because the Member belongs to two different classes of membership), the Committee would be given power to extend the period for which the Member may enjoy the duplicated benefits and services.
6. All members of the Committee would be required to be voting Members of the AA. Candidates for election to the Committee would have to be nominated not less than 28 nor more than 56 days before the Annual General Meeting (the current periods being 14 and 28 days respectively).
7. The Committee would have power, by special vote, to change the number of places on the Committee (but not so as to reduce the number to less than 10). A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Committee would have to retire at the next Annual General Meeting and (if the person wished to continue to serve) would have to stand for election by the Members.
8. The quorum for Committee meetings would have to include at least one non-executive Committee member (instead of a majority of non-executive members, as at present).
9. A member of the Committee would be permitted to have an interest in contracts with the AA or its subsidiary bodies, but only if the Committee member made proper prior disclosure of any such interest to the Committee.
10. The Committee would be given wider administrative powers (including power to carry out treasury management functions and to make charitable donations). The existing power to borrow would be widened, but the total of the AA's borrowings would be limited to the net asset value of the AA as shown in its latest accounts. There would also be an express power to form or acquire subsidiary undertakings, and to transfer assets or functions of the AA to such subsidiary undertakings.
11. Express provision would be made for the remuneration of Committee members to be dealt with by a sub-committee. However, an executive Committee member would be debarred from voting on any resolution (whether of the Committee or of any sub-committee) which related to that Committee member's own remuneration.
12. Certain powers of the Committee would be made non-delegable (eg. the powers of expulsion, suspension and non-renewal).
13. The Committee would be given power to appoint a sub-committee (to be known as the executive body) consisting solely of executive members of the Committee.
14. In the case of an equality of votes at any General Meeting, the Chairman would have a casting vote.
15. The Committee's existing power to dissolve the AA would be abolished. It would be possible to dissolve the AA only by a resolution of the Members passed by a two-thirds majority at a Special General Meeting. Two different procedures, for dissolution, namely the realisation procedure and the conversion procedure, would be available. Under the realisation procedure (similar to the existing procedure for dissolution) the AA's assets would be realised, its liabilities discharged, and any surplus distributed equally between the eligible Members. The conversion procedure could only be followed if the Members passed a further resolution to this effect. Under this procedure, the AA's undertaking would be transferred to a limited company in which eligible Members would receive an equal number of shares. However, dissenting Members would be able to obtain cash instead of shares if they registered their dissent within a specified period.

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Wimbledon increases incentive

Curry defends £600,000 rise in prize-money

By Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent

JOHN Curry, the chairman of the All England Club, yesterday stoutly defended the increase in the overall prize-money on offer at this year's Wimbledon championships. The total is to rise by 12.5 per cent — from £5,048,450 in 1993 to £5,682,170 — a percentage rise higher than any other grand slam tournament.

The men's champion will receive £345,000, as opposed to the £305,000 sum earned last year by Pete Sampras. The winner of the women's title will be enriched by £310,000 and that is £35,000 more than Steffi Graf collected for holding her nerve in the final when Jana Novotna could not.

"People may begrudge them but I don't have a problem," Curry said. "The performance of the champions is fantastic over several rounds and worth more than Barbra Streisand's one night." The celebrated singer, who performed in London on Monday, accompanied Andre Agassi to last year's event.

"The players in the field are the best in the world, their working lives are short and we have to remember that the first-round losers have to make a living as well," Curry added.

The 64 men and 64 women to be instantly eliminated will pick up the comparatively meagre compensation of £5,175 and £4,010 respectively.

"I'd personally pay a lot of money to watch Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras," Curry said, "and that match between Boris Becker and Michael Stich last year was fantastic." The German duel in the quarter-finals, won by Stich, lasted for 56 games.

"Players from more than 60 countries participated in the championships last year," Curry pointed out. "It is necessary, therefore, to consider international exchange rates when deciding the level of prize-money. Sterling has depreciated against other major world currencies."

Two years ago, for example, the dollar was worth £1.77. Last year it had dropped to £1.59. It is now valued at about £1.50. The prize-money for the US Open, though it remains the most lucrative grand slam championship, will rise by only three per cent in August.

The comparative figures for the Australian and French Opens are 12 and eight per cent. The Australians are considering extending women's matches to the best of five sets, a prospect which the competitors may not relish should the temperature in Melbourne rise above 40 degrees. The plan was discussed by the Wimbledon committee and summarily rejected.

"We will talk about it next year," Curry said, "but I would be surprised if it is accepted. Besides, we have had two fantastic finals over the last two years, with first Steffi Graf against Gabriela Sabatini and then Steffi Graf against Jana Novotna." Both went to three sets.

Like everybody concerned with the running of the women's game, he hopes that Monica Seles will be in the field at Wimbledon. Since the former world No 1 was stabbed in Hamburg a year ago, the competition has become stagnant. Graf is habitually winning every event she enters.

Seles's comeback has been the subject of protracted speculation but there are still no clear indications when she will bring an end to an absence which has endured far beyond the time medical experts suggested the injury would take to heal.

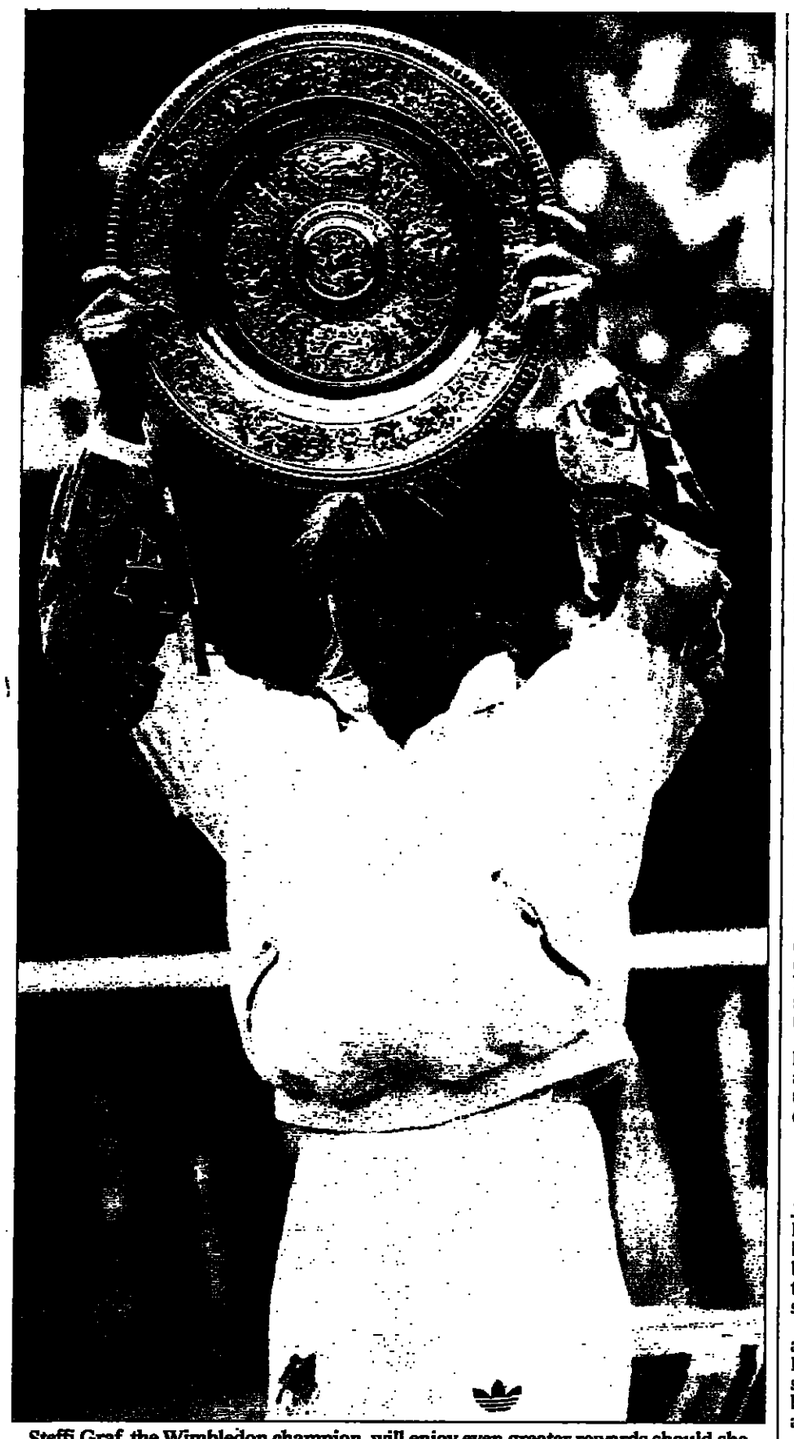
She has until May 9 formally to submit an entry form but she would presumably be granted a wild card should the improbable need arise.

Chris Gorringe, the All England Club's chief executive, revealed that security guards may be supplied for the leading players. "Security won't be any less than last year and it may be necessary to increase it," he said. When appropriate, prominent competitors appearing on the outside courts are already customarily ushered through the crowds.

Agreement has been reached with the local borough of Merton on the community benefits to be provided during and after Wimbledon's expansion. They will include easing traffic congestion and contributing to a tennis development programme in the area.

☐ Mark Petchey was beaten in the second round of the ATP Challenger tournament in Taipei yesterday. The fourth-seeded Briton went down 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 to Richard Matuszewski, of the United States.

MEN'S SINGLES
(1993 figures in parenthesis)
Winner: £345,000 (£305,000). Runner-up: £172,000 (£152,000). Semi-finalists: £86,250 (£76,250). Quarter-finalists: £44,850 (£39,650). Total: £1,667,720 (£1,668,840).
WOMEN'S SINGLES
Winner: £310,000 (£275,000). Runner-up: £155,000 (£137,500). Semi-finalists: £74,000 (£66,720). Quarter-finalists: £38,000 (£33,700). Total: £1,564,040 (£1,382,660)
MEN'S DOUBLES
Winners: £141,350 per pair (£124,960). Runners-up: £70,670 (£62,480).
WOMEN'S DOUBLES
Winners: £122,200 per pair (£108,100). Runners-up: £61,100 (£54,050).
MIXED DOUBLES
Winners: £60,000 per pair (£53,020). Runners-up: £30,000 (£26,510).



Steffi Graf, the Wimbledon champion, will enjoy even greater rewards should she win the title again this year. The women's singles winner will receive £310,000

Woosnam looks to remedy his ailing game on European stage

From Mel Webb in Cannes

IAN Woosnam is back in European golf, and is up to his eyebrows in a spectacular cold. But that, it would seem, is the least of the problems facing the Welshman, who plays in the Air France Cannes Open, which starts at Cannes Mougins today.

The sniffles have only been with him since a day or two after the US Masters, but a greater malaise — an ailing golf game — has been dragging him down for the better part of two years, he claimed yesterday.

"I have worked harder in the last couple of years than I have all my life, but the more I try, the more frustrated I get," he said.

Melancholy words from a player who won two tournaments in earning a fraction over £500,000 for third place in the order of merit last year, and who also gleaned 4½ points out of five in the Ryder Cup.

He does not seem, on the face of it, to be a man with his game in tatters: many of his contemporaries would be delighted to be so out of form. Yet there was no doubting his sincerity as he spoke of his travails yesterday.

"If I had no money I would have more reason to try," he admitted. "But I seem to be trying harder than I have ever done before, and I am eager to do better, but I am struggling to get my game together.

"I'm fed up trying to improve and not getting anywhere. Targets? I need to put a few scores together first, then I can start setting some targets." So saying he mooched off, hands thrust deep into pockets, very obviously in need of a large dose of self-confidence. And that is something that in that perky, Celtic way of his, he never lacked when in his pomp.

Conversely, there was not the merest hint of a bad vibration from Colin Montgomerie, who talked a good deal more optimistically of the future than his Ryder Cup colleague. The big Scotsman achieved a career goal last season when he topped the European money list. New targets therefore have to be set, and after talking of his commitment to the European Tour — he is to play in 12 of the next 14 tournaments — he said that this year's plan was to put himself into contention in a major championship.

He fancies himself to do well in the US Open at Oakmont and reckons he might do even better at the Open Championship at Turnberry, which just so happens to be one of his favourite courses. If you are going to have ambitions, they might as well be big ones.

Daly's new bald look

JOHN Daly's new skinhead look may have raised eyebrows in the staid golf world, but his sponsor, Reebok, is taking the new style in its stride.

"We deal with a lot of athletes in other sports," Kent Richard, the Reebok manager, said. "In professional basketball, what John did is just another day."

Daly, scheduled to start the Houston Open today, shaved his head after shooting 78 in the first round of the Greater Greensboro Open last Thursday.

"I told myself if I didn't shoot even par or better on Thursday at Greensboro that I was going to shave my head," Daly said. "I was tempted to get a crew cut, but I went overboard."

The cut did not improve his game, for he shot a second-round 84.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 8 Chicago 2; Montreal 7 San Francisco 3; San Diego 6 New York 3; St Louis 2 Colorado 1; Pittsburgh 7 Houston 4; Atlanta 9 Florida 6; Los Angeles 4 Philadelphia 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore 10 Oakland 4; California 6 New York 3; Cleveland 11 Minnesota 3; Chicago 3 Milwaukee 0; Toronto 8 Kansas City 6; Texas 6 Detroit 1; Seattle 4 Boston 3.

BOXING

YORK HALL, Bethnal Green: British super-bantamweight championship (vacant): R Wenton (Liverpool) bt B Stone (Canning Town) rsc 10th rnd.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Worcester: Gloucestershire 223 (T H C Hancock 112) and 234 (A J Wright 73, R I Dawson 60, D A Leatherdale 5-24); Worcestershire 320-6 dec (Leatherdale 96, I R J McLaren 84 not out) and 138-1 (Leatherdale 86 not out). Worcestershire won by 9 wickets. Canterbury: Durham 304-5 dec (D Blenkiron 110, S D Birbeck 60 not out; M M Patel 4-29) and 265-6 dec (P J Wilcock 75); Kent 231 (M V Fleming 61, M J Walker 57) and 230-5 (M R Taylor 99). Match drawn. Taunton: Surrey 301-8 dec (N Kendrick 98; A Payne 5-78) and 189-5 dec (M A Lynch 74); Somerset 151-1 dec (K A Parsons 64, I Fletcher 61 not out) and 339-6 (N D Burns 152 not out, K J Parsons 51, P Holloway 52). Somerset won by 4 wickets. Derby: Nottinghamshire 278 and 151-7 dec (N Walker 75; A J Harris 4-16); Derbyshire 150-2 dec and 205-7 (M J Vandrau 63, D G Cork 59; R T Bates 4-55). Match drawn.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Second stage (Valladolid to Salamanca, 178km): 1, L Jalabert (Fr) 4hr 34min 53sec; 2, A Echo (Sp); 3, E Leoni (It); 4, O Chuoja (Ukr) all same time. Third stage (Salamanca to Caceres, 239km): 1, L Jalabert (Fr) 5hr 53min 27sec; 2, J van Poppel (Hol); 3, A Berti (It); 4, A Echo (Sp) all same time. Overall: 1, T Rominger (Switz) 10hr 38min 55sec; 2, Berti at 1sec; 3, A Zualla (Switz) 20; 4, M Mauri (Sp) 24.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROME: Grand Prix: 1, Mey Day (A Bologni, It) 0 faults, 34.91sec; 2, Twist du Valon (H Godignon, Fr) 0, 36.11; 3, Herrmann's Aecalon (O Becker, Ger) 0, 36.32; 4, Everest Dollar Girl (N Skelton, GB) 4, 37.25. Other British placings: 24, Benjumin II (W Clarke) 8 (first round); 27, Blue Bird (J Popely) 8; 42, Secret Pride (M Lanni) 20.5.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon 3 Swindon 1.
Late results on Tuesday
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Wimbledon 3 Oldham 0.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Luton 1 Millwall 1; Middlesbrough 5 Barnsley 0; Portsmouth 0 Leicester 1; Sunderland 2 Oxford Utd 3; Tranmere 2 Charlton 0. Second division: Barnet 3 Hartlepool 2; Bradford 1 Stockport 2; Burnley 0 Rotherham 0; Cambridge Utd 4 Huddersfield 5; Cardiff 2 Exeter 0; Swansea 0 Port Vale 1; Wrexham 0 Plymouth 3.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 2 Welling 0; Bath 0 Dover 0; Halifax 1 Macclesfield 2; Runcorn 4 Bromsgrove 1; Yeovil 2 Merthyr 2; Dagenham and Redbridge 1 Stafford 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Dundee Utd 1 Kilmarnock 3; Motherwell 2 Rangers 1; Partick 1 Dundee 0; Raith 1 Hibernian 1. First division: Airdrie 0 Clydebank 0; Brechin 0 Cycle 1; Dumbarton 2 Morton 0; Dunfermline 1 Ayr 0; St Mirren 0 Falkirk 3.
FA TROPHY: Semi-final replay: Enfield 0 Woking 3 (at Wycombe Wanderers FC).
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 1 Wokingham 0; Wivenhoe 0 Hendon 4. First division: Bognor Regis 1 Heybridge 2; Tooting 2 Leyton 2; Wembley 1 Boreham Wood 2; Whyteleafe 2 Berkhamsted 1; Windsor 2 Staines 3. Second division: Aldershot Town 2 Hemel Hempstead 0; Banstead 0 Newbury 1; Maidenhead Vale 1 Witham 1; Metropolitan Police 2 Saffron Walden 1; Tilbury 2 Aveley 1. Third division: Clapton 1 Bracknell 0; Cove 0 Chesham 2; Southall 6 Camberley 0; Tring 3 Leighton 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Crawley 0 Chelmsford 2; Dorchester 3 Cambridge C 1; Halesowen 4 Waterlooville 0. Midland division: Bedworth 1 Sutton Coldfield 2; Clevedon 2 Bilston 2; King's Lynn 3 Yate 2; Tamworth 1 Stourbridge 0; Weston-super-Mare 3 Redditch 3. Southern division: Ashford 2 Fisher 93 0; Bury Town 0 Tonbridge2 : Newport IOW 0 Gravesend 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington 0 Horwich 2; Colwyn Bay 0 Knowsley 0; Matlock 0 Bishop Auckland 2. First division: Congleton 1 Mossley 0; Goole 1 Bamber Bridge 0; Gretna 4 Warrington 1; Harrogate 1 Alfreton 3; Radcliffe 2 Guiseley 2; Workington 0 Spennymoor 4.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 0 Armthorpe 1; Ossett Albion 5 Maltby 3. League Cup: Semi-finals: Hucknall 2 North Ferriby 1; Lincoln Utd 0 Thackley 1.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Harwich and Parkeston 3 Haverhill 0; March 0 Great Yarmouth 0; Newmarket 1 Chatteris 0; Watton 1 Fakenham 1; Wroxham 0 Diss 1.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Atherton LR 0 Penrith 0; Flixton 0 Nantwich 7; Glossop North End 0 Rossendale 2.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Manor Farm 2 Frome 0; Paulton 0 Tiverton 3.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Caerwys 0 Flint 1; Holywell 2 Newtown 2; Mold 1 Conwy 1.
WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Final: Coleraine 0 Linfield 2 (The Oval).
FRENCH LEAGUE: Le Havre 0 Paris Saint-Germain 2; Marseilles 3 Lyons 0; Bordeaux 2 Auxerre 0; Nantes 2 Lens 1; Montpellier 0 Caen 0; St Etienne 1 Martigues 1; Strasbourg 2 Angers 2; Lille 0 Metz 4; Toulouse 3 Sochaux 2.

GOLF

CARNOUSTIE: International match: Scotland lead Spain 6½-5½ (Scottish names first): Foursomes: G Hay and S Gallacher bt F Cea and J Castino 2 and 1; B Howard and D Downie bt R Gonzalez and J San Felex 3 and 1; A Reid and W Bryson lost to M Reguena and J M Lara 2 and 1; G Sherry and S Mackenzie bt F Valera and J M Zamora one hole. Singles: Downie bt I Gliner two holes; Gallacher bt Cea 2 and 1; Sherry halved with Lara; Hay lost to Gonzalez two holes; Reid lost to Valera 3 and 2; Mackenzie lost to Castino 1 hole; Bryson lost to Zamora 4 and 3; Howard bt San Felex one hole.

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A (Italy): Group A: Canada 6 Austria 1; Great Britain 0 Germany 4. Group B: Czech Republic 5 France 2; United States 7 Norway 2.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: First round: Western Conference: Toronto 1 Chicago 0 (Toronto lead best-of-seven series 3-2); Vancouver 2 Calgary 1 (Calgary lead 3-2); San Jose 6 Detroit 4 (San Jose lead 3-2).

RUGBY FIVES

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL, London: National schools championships: Finals: Open singles: J M Edington (Sedbergh) bt E Elphick (Bradfield) 11-4, 6-11, 11-3. Open doubles: McIver and Hyde (Sherborne) bt Edington and Barraclough (Sedbergh) 11-3, 11-1. Colts singles: Saltmarsh (Radley) bt Welch (St Dunstan's) 11-9, 11-2. Colts doubles: Lord and Quinton (Bradfield) bt Losthouse and McKerrow (Sedbergh) 11-5, 11-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Wigan St Patricks 15 Saddleworth 27; Woolston 34 Leigh MW 8.

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Second division: Maesteg 22 South Wales Police 8.
CLUB MATCHES: Crumlin 0 Abertillery 0; Cheltenham 15 Moseley 13.

TENNIS

OTTERSHAW: LTA spring satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Women: First round: S Tse bt K Rouberousa 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. Men: First round: R Matheson bt J Davidson 7-6, 7-6; P Langvardt (Den) bt J Delgado 6-4, 6-3; S Menal (Switz) bt P Mohr (Switz) 6-3, 6-2; M MacLagan bt A Richardson 6-2, 7-6; L Milligan bt J Baily 6-3, 6-1; R Koenig (SA) bt D Sapsford 6-2, 6-4; N Bruno (It) bt L Sabin 6-3, 6-1; T Lardham (Aus) bt L Manta (Switz) 7-5, 6-1; G Cramz (Fr) bt M Huard (Fr) 7-5, 6-4; J Hunter bt W Arthurs (Aus) 7-6, 6-1; C Wilkinson bt S Herdolza (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; M Wyatt bt N Wesl 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; B Cowan bt J Fox 6-1, 6-7, 6-3; G Van Dalveeran (Bel) bt T Spinks 7-6, 6-4; P Hand bt S Noisboom (Hol) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; N Gould bt C Beecher 6-3, 6-3.
TAIWAN: ATP Challenger tournament: Second round: R Matuszewski (US) bt M Petchey (GB) 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.
MADRID: Men's tournament: Second round: J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; C Costa (Sp) bt J P Fleurian (Fr) 6-1, 6-2.
MUNICH: Men's tournament: First round: P Korda (Cz) bt H Leconte (Fr) 6-7, 7-5, 7-5. Second round: M Stich (Ger) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 6-4, 6-3; D Rikl (Cz) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-3, 7-6; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt M Rosset (Switz) 6-2, 6-2.
HAMBURG: Women's tournament: First round: K Maleeva (Bul) bt C Wood (GB) 6-2, 6-0. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt L Ferrando (It) 6-1, 6-1; J Novotna (Cz) bt E Makarova (Russ) 6-1, 6-1.
ATLANTA: Men's tournament: First round: M Cheng (US) bt R Weiss (US) 6-4, 6-1; A Agassi (US) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-3, 6-3; M Washington (US) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-1, 6-4; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt J Palmer (US) 6-2, 6-3; B Dunn (US) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-3 1-6, 6-4; J Connors (US) bt D Flach (US) 7-5, 6-4.
JAKARTA: Women's tournament: Second round: N Arendt (US) bt T Price (SA) 6-4, 6-2; D van Rensburg (SA) bt Park Sung-hee (S Kor) 7-6, 6-2; Wang Shi-ting (Taiwan) bt L Niemantsverdriet (Hol) 7-6, 3-1, ret.

SPORTS LETTERS

West Indies need no political spur to win

From Mr A. R. Parker

Sir, David Miller (April 23) asserts that it is the West Indies' colonial past that motivates them when they play against England. He does not mention how they gain their vengeance on the other colonial elements in the history of that vast area he conveniently classes as one. Purely in the name of cricket, peoples who live on islands hundreds of miles apart and with their own well established cultures suddenly gel into a "vehicle to demonstrate a superiority that is available by no other means." How insulting to successful non-cricketers.

So, the entire staff of a Trinidadian hotel took sick leave to attend the Queen's Park Oval, startling their guests as a result. How unlike the cases of several grandmothers who have been buried (some for the second or third time) on the same day as important rugby matches in Wales. This phenomenon, in its many guises, has occurred all over the world whenever and wherever people feel passionate about sport.

Had I read his article on April 1, I might have suspected Miller's motives to be in the direction of humour. Having read it on St George's Day, I am gently persuaded towards the possibility of delusions of dragon-killing on his part. There are no forces from the depths of the past working against England. There are, at present, better teams who pursue the ultimate goal of any sport — the desire to win for the sake of winning. This desire is shared by supporters who care not a fig for the past, colonial or otherwise.

Put away your lance, Mr Miller, and leave your hands free to clap England with a passion generated by the wish to see them win for the sake of winning. And remember, sportsmen do their best not only for themselves but for us, the supporters, too. In the words of Nietzsche: "Great star! What would your happiness be, if you had not those for whom you shine!"

Yours faithfully,
A. R. PARKER,
6 The Broadwell,
Radbrook Green,
Shrewsbury,
Shropshire.

Time for level playing fields

From Mr Brian M. Pitts

Sir, I wonder if the time has come for the Football Association to follow the example of the cricket authorities and appoint an inspector of pitches.

At this time of the season it seems unfair that clubs which have taken the time and effort to preserve their pitches, should be penalised by playing crucial away games on surfaces that are little better than bare, bumpy mud patches.

Boundary Park, which, judging from recent television pictures, hardly has a blade of grass on two thirds of the playing area, is an example of a surface which could give Oldham Athletic an unfair advantage in the relegation games they still have to play there.

I think FA pitch inspectors, with the power to fine or even deduct points, would provide a great incentive for clubs such as Oldham to try to improve their pitches — and to make sure that matches at the most important stage of the season are contested, quite literally, on a level playing field.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN M. PITTS,
29 Priory Gardens,
Highgate, N6.

Top doubles

From Mr Stewart Reuben

Sir, George Thomas was more of a polymath at sports than any you have so far mentioned (Simon Barnes, April 14; Sports Letters, April 22). He won the All-England badminton championship six times, including 1920 to 1923; played tennis with distinction, reaching the Wimbledon quarter-finals in the men's doubles; is reputed to have been of international standard at hockey; and was an international chess master, winning the British championship in 1923 and 1934.

He also found time to be the greatest gentleman I have known and a source of inspiration to many junior chess players in his time.

Yours faithfully,
STEWART REUBEN
(Director of Home Chess,
British Chess Federation),
11 Haversham Close,
Twickenham,
Middlesex.

From Mr Kauno Viinikka

Sir, Surely one of the greatest "double" athletes must have been Tapio Rautavaara.

In the London Olympics (1948) he was the oldest ever at 33 to win gold in the javelin. Two years later he won gold in the world championships in archery.

He was a true amateur. Apart from his sporting achievements he was also a film star (acting in about 30 films), guitarist and popular singer. After Paavo Nurmi he was probably Finland's most successful sportsman.

Yours faithfully,
KAUNO VIINIKKA,
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Blackheath Village, SE3.

Harsh penalty

From Mr James Thallon

Sir, It is time that a firm distinction was drawn between senior and junior rugby union clubs in the regulations governing the registration of players for the Courage Clubs' Championship.

In January one of our members played in a league match for which he was deemed ineligible, resulting in the deduction of two points from our league total at a critical stage of our 150th season.

The player, a Spanish passport holder, has been resident in the UK since the age of eight, attending an English school and representing England schoolboys. He has been a student at Guy's Hospital since 1990 and has neither played for nor been registered to play for any other club. He has never touched a rugby ball in Spain. We would question the requirement that he receive an endorsement from his "home" union and serve a 180-day sentence before he can play in the league.

We do not question the necessity of regulating the participation of foreign players in the leagues. We do question the rigid enforcement of these regulations in the lower leagues in circumstances which the current regulations are not designed to cover, and in which the letter and not the spirit of the law has been infringed.

An additional problem facing student clubs is that players arriving from school at university have sometimes played an occasional game for an outside club before term. These players could be exempted from the onerous requirements of changing clubs by restricting its application to players aged over 20 at the start of the season.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES THALLON,
Honorary Secretary,
Guy's Hospital RFC,
Boland House,
Guy's Hospital, SE1.

Save our sides

From Mr George N. Jamieson

Sir, The bottom of the FA Carling Premiership reads: Sheffield United, Oldham, Swindon.

Is this what SOS stands for?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE JAMIESON,
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Radcliffe-on-Trent,
Nottinghamshire.

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INLAUT

(c) In Philology, a medial or internal sound; a sound that occurs in the middle of a word, from the German: "From the different positions (anlaut, inlaut, auslaut) it must be ascertained separately what phonemes are permissible."

KANGRI

(a) A small, wicker-covered clay-lined pot filled with glowing charcoal, carried especially by Kashmiris next to the skin to warm the air beneath the clothing, from the Hindi *kangri*, Kashmiri *kanguru*: "A form of cancer in the natives of Kashmir, due to their habit of carrying a portable fire (kangri) beneath their clothes in contact with the abdominal skin."

LOOP

(c) A word of command to an animal to move forward, Afrikaans, from the Dutch imperative of *lopen* to walk: "'Loop!' he ordered in a loud voice. Shilling cracked his whip and shouted to the oxen. The voorlooper's head could just be seen through a forest of horns."

MIR

(a) A rare and fine quality Sarabband rug woven in Mirabad, an adaptation and toponym of *Mirabad*, the name of a town in the Sarawan district, south-west of Arak, Iran: "Miri no doubt refers to the Mir carpets of the early nineteenth century which were the prototypes of the present-day Serabands."

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Lara heads cast as curtain rises

Michael Henderson on the opening county championship matches and the prospects of the 18 first-class clubs

IT WAS at this time of year that Neville Cardus used to write about county cricketers scraping last year's turf from their boots, sprucing up their flannels and setting off by train to perform deeds that people would admire in the next day's *Manchester Guardian*. "By the time we get to Dover I'll have three hundreds," was the gist of it, before three ducks brought the dreamers back to earth.

Cardus would have a job recognising the game cricket has become. In his day, there were no agents asking for 20 per cent of players' salaries "for services rendered", and those services most certainly did not include their charges endorsing health foods. What's wrong with eight pints and a bag of chips, anyway? That diet produced some of England's greatest cricketers.

It is a long time since cricketers went anywhere by train, at least in England, and the old-fangled boots and flannels have gone too. (So, alas, has the *Manchester Guardian*). But personal hopes never die and the county championship, which resumes today, gives cricketers young and old their annual opportunity. Between now and September 19 stars will rise and stars will fall.

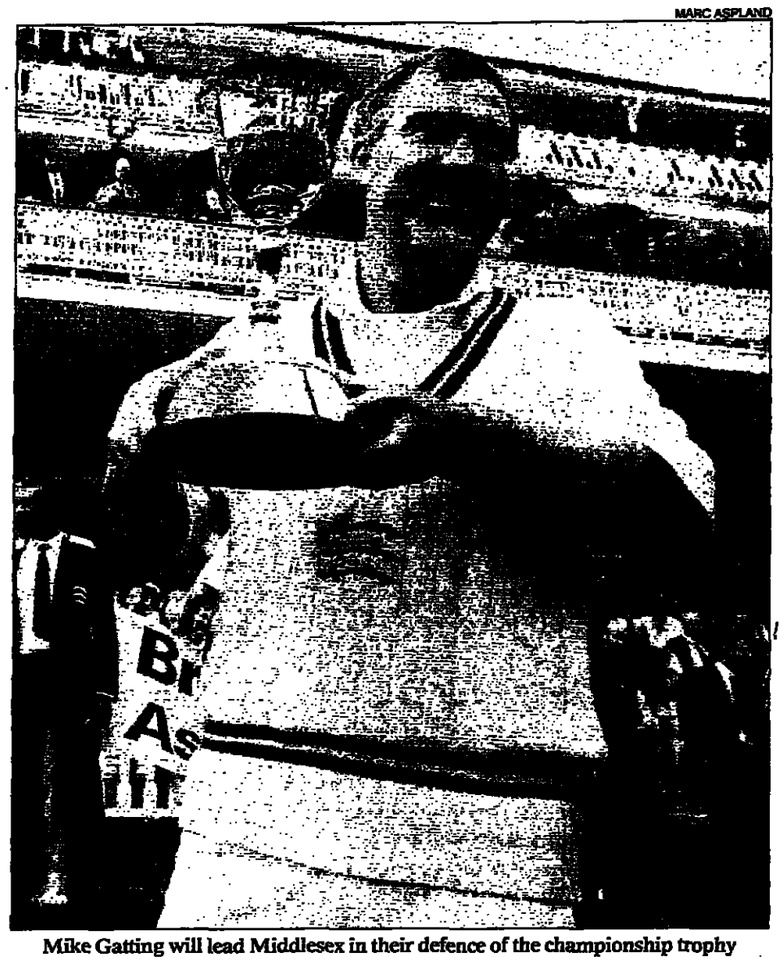
The eyes of the cricketing world are focused most keenly today on Edgbaston, where the world record-breaking Brian Lara makes his Warwickshire debut against Glamorgan. Not since Garry Sobers, whose Test innings Lara has just surpassed, joined Nottinghamshire in 1968 has there been such a commotion about an overseas player. Sobers was established by then as the greatest all-rounder ever. Lara comes to Edgbaston for a season only, as a replacement for Allan Donald, the South African fast bowler.

Lara is not the only West Indian new boy at Edgbaston. Ottis Gibson, a 25-year-old Barbadian all-rounder, will start his first championship match for Glamorgan as Viv Richards's successor if he has shaken off a groin strain.

Middlesex, the champions, are already out of step because they do not play a championship match until next week. Two of the men who contributed to their success, Norman Cowans and Matthew Keech, have changed counties and play for Hampshire against Essex at Southampton.

There is a caveat here, which will be appreciated by everyone at Middlesex. Cowans, who finished top of their bowling averages last year before "swapping jobs" with Kevin Shine, must first overcome a back strain. That really is the first cuckoo of spring.

MARC ASPLAND



Mike Gatting will lead Middlesex in their defence of the championship trophy

1993 Britannic Assurance county championship

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex (11)	17	11	1	5	37	58	272
*Worcs (17)	17	8	4	3	32	52	236
Glamorgan (14)	17	9	5	3	32	55	231
Northants (3)	17	8	4	5	35	59	222
Somerset (9)	17	8	7	2	25	69	213
Surrey (13)	17	6	6	5	40	60	196
*Notts (4)	17	6	3	7	34	56	194
Kent (2)	17	6	4	7	40	54	190
Leics (8)	17	6	5	6	23	61	180
Sussex (7)	17	5	7	5	42	54	176
Essex (1)	17	4	6	7	44	55	163
Yorkshire (16)	17	5	4	8	21	56	157
Hampshire (15)	17	4	5	8	39	47	150
Lancashire (12)	17	4	8	5	38	48	150
Derbyshire (5)	17	4	7	6	33	50	147
Warwicks (6)	17	4	8	5	24	49	137
Glouces (10)	17	3	10	4	24	56	128
Durham (18)	17	2	10	5	29	52	113

(1992 positions in parentheses)
*includes 8 points for a tied match

Axa Equity and Law League

	M	W	L	T	NRPts
Glamorgan (16)	17	13	2	0	2 56
Kent (5)	17	12	3	0	2 52
Surrey (4)	17	11	4	0	2 48
Sussex (11)	17	10	5	1	1 44
Northants (13)	17	9	5	1	2 42
Lancashire (11)	17	8	5	1	3 40
Durham (8)	17	8	7	0	2 36
Middlesex (1)	17	7	6	2	2 36
Yorkshire (15)	17	8	8	0	1 34
Warwickshire (6)	17	7	8	0	2 32
Derbyshire (13)	17	7	8	0	2 32
Essex (2)	17	7	8	1	1 32
Glouces (9)	17	6	9	1	2 28
Leics (18)	17	5	10	0	2 24
Hampshire (3)	17	4	9	0	4 24
Worcs (7)	17	4	10	1	2 22
Notts (17)	17	4	12	0	1 18
Somerset (5)	17	2	12	0	3 14

(1992 positions are in parentheses)

1993 PRIZE-MONEY:Britannic Assurance county championship: Winners: Middlesex (£47,500). Runners-up: Worcestershire (£23,750). Third place: Glamorgan (£13,750). Fourth place: Northamptonshire (£7,000). Fifth place: Somerset (£3,500).

NatWest Trophy: Winners: Warwickshire (£30,000). Runners-up: Sussex (£15,000) Losing semi-finalists: Somerset, Glamorgan (£7,500). Losing quarter-finalists: Yorkshire, Northamptonshire, Surrey, Worcestershire (£3,750).

Benson and Hedges Cup: Winners: Derbyshire (£30,000). Runners-up: Lancashire (£15,000). Losing semi-finalists: Northamptonshire, Leicestershire (£7,500) Losing quarter-finalists: Somerset, Sussex, Hampshire, Worcestershire (£3,750).

Axa Equity and Law Sunday League: Winners: Glamorgan (£30,000). Runners-up: Kent (£15,000). Third place: Surrey (£7,500). Fourth place: Sussex (£3,750)

SOMERSET

LAST YEAR: County championship: 5th NatWest Trophy: semi-finalists. Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists. Sunday league: 16th.

AFTER beginning last season as media darlings, made newly glamorous by Mark Lathwell's runs and Andrew Caddick's wickets, Somerset lost their sheen. Lathwell begins this season under scrutiny after a hapless A tour of South Africa. Caddick took wickets in the Caribbean but earned no friends with his graceless behaviour. Andy Hayhurst, a much nicer chap, succeeds Chris Tavaré as captain, becoming Somerset's fourth in seven years, and he has more to work with than his immediate predecessors. In Andre van Troost and Mushtaq Ahmed, Hayhurst has a bowler of searing pace and another of outstanding guile.

1994 STAFF: A N Hayhurst (captain), P Bird, I Bond, N D Burns, A R Caddick, V Clarke, P R Clifford, M Dimond, I Fletcher, N A Folland, J C Hallett, R J Harden, P C L Holloway, J I D Kerr, M N Lathwell, N A Mallender, Mushtaq Ahmed (overseas), K A Parsons, K J Parsons, A Payne, G D Rose, M E Trescothick, H R J Trump, R J Turner, A P van Troost, G W White.

SURREY

LAST YEAR: County championship: 6th. NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists Benson and Hedges Cup: first round. Sunday league: 3rd.

IT MAY surprise people to know there is still a cricket club at the Oval. Appearances suggest an expanding commercial empire which happens to run a cricket team on the side. In this age of corporate hospitality, mere minions tend to catch a cold whenever a "chief executive" sneezes and Glyn Woodman has developed full-blown flu. Mike Edwards is the new director of cricket, with Grahame Clinton looking after the batsmen and Graham Dilley the bowlers. Cameron Cuffy, who replaces the injured Waqar Younis, joins a group of players who must tire of being reminded it is high time they turned promise into achievement.

1994 STAFF: A J Stewart (captain), M R Bainbridge, J E Benjamin, D J Bicknell, M P Bicknell, J Boiling, C E Cuffy (overseas), A D Brown, M A Butcher, J M de la Pena, A J Hollioake, N M Kendrick, G J Kennis, G J Kersey, M A Lynch, A J Murphy, A C S Pigott, N F Sargeant, A W Smith, D J Thompson, G P Thorpe, D M Ward.

DERBYSHIRE

LAST YEAR: County championship: 15th. NatWest Trophy: second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Winners. Sunday league: 11th

NO CAPTAIN in recent seasons has done more for the general good of the game than Kim Barnett. Winning championships is less realistic than simply being competitive, which they have been, in all forms of cricket, despite a financial position which threatened to cripple them last year. By overturning Lancashire in the Benson and Hedges Cup final Derbyshire provided the happiest day of the 1993 season. They have since acquired one of those vanquished players, Phillip DeFreitas. John Morris's departure deprives them of their most fluent strokemaker, although the return of Mohammed Azharuddin, a prolific scorer, will not hurt.

1994 STAFF: K J Barnett (captain), C J Adams, M Azharuddin (overseas), S J Base, P D Bowler, D G Cork, P A J DeFreitas, F A Griffith, A J Harris, K M Krikken, D J Lovell, B J M Maher, D E Malcolm, O H Mortensen, T J G O'Gorman, Alan Richardson, Alastair W Richardson, A S Rollins, R W Sladdin, I G S Steer, M Taylor, T A Tweats, M J Vandrau, A E Warner, C M Wells

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

LAST YEAR: County championship: 17th. NatWest Trophy: second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: preliminary round. Sunday league: 13th.

BEFORE a ball has been bowled in anger, Gloucestershire are suffering. David Lawrence fought nobly after that sickening crack of his left kneecap two years ago, but retires with everyone's best wishes, leaving a mighty hole. Courtney Walsh, after all, can bowl at only one end. Once you have named Walsh, Jack Russell and Chris Broad, who made a less than convincing return to his old county, it is a case of "rounding up the usual suspects". Kevin Cooper is a hardy old trouper, but it is hard to see Mark Alleyne utilising a once promising talent. If they finish higher than 17th, Gloucestershire will have done well.

1994 STAFF: C A Walsh (captain, overseas), M W Alleyne, A M Babington, M C J Ball, B C Broad, M J Cawdron, K E Cooper, R J Cunliffe, M Davies, R I Dawson, T H C Hancock, D R Hewson, S G Hinks, G D Hodgson, R C Russell, K P Sheeraz, A Smith, R M Wight, Ricardo C Williams, Richard C J Williams, M G N Windows, A J Wright.

LEICESTERSHIRE

LAST YEAR: County championship: 9th. NatWest Trophy: second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: semi-finalists. Sunday league: 14th.

AN ERA ended at Grace Road with Mike Turner's resignation as chief executive; whatever people's views, nobody can deny his effectiveness. Jack Birkenshaw is a first-class coach, Nigel Briers a dedicated captain, and James Whitaker stays on. What they need now is Briers to shake off his Achilles injury, Ben Smith to come through, and Phil Robinson to settle in the middle order. Short of true Test class, Phil Simmons will still bring a solid talent. Alan Mullally and David Millns (if fit) make a decent pairing with the ball, and Gordon Parsons will grunt out 500 overs. Modest on paper, Leicestershire may be deceptively purposeful on grass.

1994 STAFF: N E Briers (captain), T J Boon, M T Brimson, R A Cobb, J M Dakin, P N Hepworth, D L Maddy, T J Mason, D J Millns, A D Mullally, P A Nixon, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, P E Robinson, A Sheriyar, P V Simmons (overseas), B F Smith, I M Stanger, I J Sutcliffe, V J Wells, J J Whitaker, P Whitticase.

SUSSEX

LAST YEAR: County championship: 10th. NatWest Trophy: finalists Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists. Sunday league: 4th.

THIS is just the year for Sussex to come resoundingly good. They have lost one fast bowler, Adrian Jones, to injury, and said goodbye to another, Tony Pigott. Colin Wells, the "nearly man" all-rounder, has also packed his bags. In these circumstances you might imagine them to be weaker. Not a bit: they look stronger than they have been since finishing second in 1981. Paul Jarvis arrives from Yorkshire and there is sufficient all-round strength to support a proper championship challenge. Jarvis joins a pace attack led by Franklyn Stephenson in which Danny Law, a highly regarded colt, threatens to make a name for himself.

1994 STAFF: A P Wells (captain), C W J Athey, J W Dearr, E S H Giddins, K Greenfield, J W Hall, E E Hemmings, S Humphries, P W Jarvis, D R Law, N J Lenham, J D Lewry, P Moores, K Newell, J A North, M T E Peirce, N C Phillips, C C Remy, I D K Salisbury, D M Smith, M P Speight, F D Stephenson (overseas).

DURHAM

LAST YEAR: County championship: 18th NatWest Trophy: second round Benson and Hedges Cup: first round Sunday league: 7th

DURHAM, bottom of the championship in their first two seasons, start using their new ground at Chester-le-Street in July and must start matching performances to ambitions if they want to fill it. To underline their intentions they made John Morris the best-paid English cricketer in the country when he joined them from Derbyshire in January. A less heralded newcomer is Mark Saxelby, from Nottinghamshire, who has the chance to establish himself as Wayne Larkins's opening partner. Alan Walker arrives from Northamptonshire to support a bowling attack that looks short of the necessary quality and depth.

1994 STAFF: P Bainbridge (captain), P J Berry, M M Betts, S D Birbeck, D A Blenkiron, S J E Brown, D M Cox, A C Cummins (overseas), J A Daley, A R Fothergill, G Fowler, D A Graveney, P W Henderson, S Hutton, W Larkins, J I Longley, S Lugsden, J E Morris, M Saxelby, C W Scott, J P Searle, I Smith, A Walker, R M S Weston, G Wigham, P J Wilcock, J Wood

HAMPSHIRE

LAST YEAR: County championship: 13th. NatWest Trophy: second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists. Sunday league: 15th.

ONE of the great careers ended when Malcolm Marshall retired last year. He was not just a match-winning Test fast bowler but an outstanding performer in championship cricket since 1979. Yet, for all his wickets, Hampshire have never sniffed a championship under Mark Nicholas. The bowling attack must be reconstituted. Kevin Shine, a seamer who had good moments and poor sessions, has left for Middlesex in a deal that brings the injury-prone Norman Cowans down the A3. Winston Benjamin, released by Leicestershire, succeeds Marshall as the overseas player. Shaun Udal is the chap to watch.

1994 STAFF: M C J Nicholas (captain), A N Aymes, W K M Benjamin (overseas), L J Botham, J N B Bovill, C A Connor, N G Cowans, R M F Cox, D P J Flint, M Garaway, K D James, M Jean-Jacques, M Keech, W S Kendall, J S Laney, R J Maru, T C Middleton, R S M Morris, R A Smith, V P Terry, M J Thursfield, S D Udal.

MIDDLESEX

LAST YEAR: County championship: champions. NatWest Trophy: first round. Benson and Hedges Cup: first round. Sunday league: 8th.

THIS could be Mike Gatting's last season as captain, a role which began in 1983 and has reaped three championships. It will soon be time to return to the backbenches, to complete his 100 hundreds, and retire a fulfilled cricketer (almost). He could well hand over a fourth championship team. Last year's success came as much through others' weaknesses as their own strengths, of which Gatting's batting and the pairing of John Emburey and Phil Tufnell — which brought 127 wickets — stood alone. Kevin Shine comes in for Norman Cowans, and he will know he must sing for his supper. At Middlesex, there is no other way.

1994 STAFF: M W Gatting (captain), R J Ballinger, K R Brown, J D Carr, K P Dutch, J E Emburey, P Farbrace, M A Feltham, A R C Fraser, A Habib, J C Harrison, D L Haynes (overseas), R L Johnson, J C Pooley, T A Radford, M R Ramprakash, M A Roseberry, K J Shine, R J Sims, C W Taylor, P C R Tufnell, P N Weekes, N F Williams, R S Yeabsley.

WARWICKSHIRE

LAST YEAR: County championship: 16th. NatWest Trophy: Winners. Benson and Hedges Cup: first round. Sunday league: 10th.

IF WARWICKSHIRE cannot sell themselves this year they never will. They go into the season as the NatWest Trophy holders and with the world's most exciting young batsman. Signing Brian Lara was a public relations masterstroke for a club that has been a byword for dour functionalism in recent years. He should bring order, as well as class, and stimulate interest beyond the county boundaries. The obverse side to Lara's arrival is that Allan Donald, their one bowler of genuine class, is unavailable. He is touring England with the South Africans. The team is led by Dermot Reeve, the performing flea of English cricket, who has proved an able captain in his demonstrative way.

1994 STAFF: D A Reeve (captain), D A Altree, Asif Din, M A V Bell, D R Brown, M Burns, R P Davis, T Frost, A F Giles, W G Khan, B C Lara (overseas), A J Moles, C E Mutrane, T A Munton, D P Ostler, T L Penney, K J Piper, M J Powell, J D Ratcliffe, G C Small, N M K Smith, P A Smith, R G Twose, G Welch.

ESSEX

LAST YEAR: County championship: 11th. NatWest Trophy: second round Benson and Hedges Cup: first round Sunday league: 12th

FOR only the second time in 19 seasons Essex finished in the bottom half of the championship last year. To retrace the thread they must find some bowlers, more specifically those who seam and swing it. Michael Kasprowicz may be one. The 20-year-old Australian seamer has been engaged as the overseas player and arrives at the best possible time. Derek Pringle has followed Neil Foster into retirement, which leaves Mark Ilott short of support. Graham Gooch enters his last year as captain with worries over his successor, the failings of younger players and the need before long to replace the admirable John Childs.

1994 STAFF: G A Gooch (captain), S J W Andrew, D W Ayres, D J P Boden, J H Childs, D M Cousins, A P Cowan, M Dwan, M A Garnham, N Hussain, B J Hyam, M C Ilott, R C Irani, M S Kasprowicz (overseas), G A Khan, N V Knight, J J B Lewis, R M Pearson, M G Powell, P J Prichard, D D J Robinson, R J Rollins, N Shahid, J P Stephenson, P M Such, T D Topley.

KENT

LAST YEAR: County championship: 8th NatWest Trophy: second round Benson and Hedges Cup: first round. Sunday league: 2nd

FAILURE to land the Sunday league last September means that Kent have gone without a trophy of any kind for 16 years, a longer barren sequence than any county except Gloucestershire. They ought to amend that record this year if key players remain fit. In the case of the opening bowlers, Martin McCague and Alan Igglesden, a new-ball pairing available to few, that is a big if. There is sufficient strength and variety in the batting, and Steve Marsh, a handy wicketkeeper, balances the side at No 7, where he has supplied some staunch innings in recent years. Min Patel, a slow left-armer, should not be short of opportunity. Richard Davis having left the club.

1994 STAFF: M R Benson (captain), G R Cowdrey, M A Ealham, R M Ellison, M V Fleming, D P Fulton, D W Headley, C L Hooper (overseas), A P Igglesden, N J Llong, M J McCague, S A Marsh, M M Patel, C Penn, N W Preston, D J Spencer, N R Taylor, J B D Thompson, M J Walker, T R Ward, S C Willis, T N Wren

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

LAST YEAR: County championship: 4th NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists. Benson and Hedges Cup: semi-finalists. Sunday league: 5th.

WITH the talent at their disposal Northamptonshire ought to be among the favourites to win the championship. They were in contention last year until the middle of August when they lost abjectly to Middlesex. Phil Neale, the director of cricket, could still reflect on a good first season and he will tolerate no slacking. Mal Loye showed enough promise on the A tour to suggest a flowering is imminent. Allan Lamb, Robert Bailey and Alan Fordham can bring out the best of him. Kevin Curran is a capable all-rounder, and David Capel is fit again. The bowling is led by Curtly Ambrose, who will be too late for the opening match.

1994 STAFF: A J Lamb (captain), C E L Ambrose (overseas), R J Bailey, M N Bowen, D J Capel, N G B Cook, A C Cottam, K M Curran, I Dawood, N A Felton, A Fordham, T W Harrison, J G Hughes, K J Innes, J Lewis, M B Loye, R R Montgomerie, A L Penberthy, C J Rika, D Ripley, A R Roberts, D J Roberts, J N Snape, J P Taylor, T C Walton, R J Warren.

WORCESTERSHIRE

LAST YEAR: County championship: 2nd. NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists. Benson and Hedges Cup: quarter-finalists. Sunday league: 16th.

HOW Tim Curtis led Worcestershire to second place was the great secret of 1993. Without any fuss they went in a year from seventeenth to the runners-up spot, recording the biggest leap in the history of the championship. With a greater sense of adventure they might even have won it. On at least two occasions, against Essex and Glamorgan, they passed up the chance of victory so that Illingworth could demonstrate his unrivalled ability to bore batsmen into submission. Middlesex, through Tufnell, chose to attack and prospered. Tom Moody returns as the overseas player. He was outstanding in his two previous years with the club.

1994 STAFF: T S Curtis (captain), J E Brinkley, M P Brooke, D B D'Oliveira, T Edwards, C J Eyers, G R Haynes, G A Hick, R K Illingworth, S R Lampitt, D A Leatherdale, P Mirza, T M Moody (overseas), P J Newport, N V Radford, S J Rhodes, A C H Seymour, V S Solanki, K R Spiring, C M Tolley, W P C Weston, A Wylie.

GLAMORGAN

LAST YEAR: County championship: 3rd NatWest Trophy: semi-finalists Benson and Hedges Cup: first round Sunday league: champions

THE Sunday League may be the competition least worth winning but when Glamorgan clinched it the hard way last September, beating Kent at Canterbury in the final match of the season, everyone gave three cheers. It meant they had something to show for their best season in 25 years and rewarded the most personable group of players on the county circuit, five of whom were selected for the senior and A tours. Hugh Morris, the captain, takes a well-deserved benefit knowing that although Vivian Richards has retired the side has yet to mature. Not since they won the championship in 1969 have Glamorgan had such an able team.

1994 STAFF: H Morris (captain), S R Barwick, S Bastien, J Bishop, G P Butcher, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, A Dale, A J Dalton, O D Gibson (overseas), D L Hemp, S P James, A J Jones, R O Jones, R P Lefebvre, M P Maynard, C P Metson, O T Parkin, B S Phelps, G H J Rees, A Roseberry, A D Shaw, S D Thomas, S L Watkin, J R A Williams.

LANCASHIRE

LAST YEAR: County championship: 13th. NatWest Trophy: first round. Benson and Hedges Cup: finalists Sunday league: 6th.

AN UNHARMONIOUS season at Old Trafford persuaded Neil Fairbrother to fall on his captain's sword, Phillip DeFreitas to find a new club and the committee to sack David Hughes as team manager. Mike Watkinson, the new captain to popular approval, will lead a team that is rarely more than the sum of talented if wayward parts. Wasim Akram's impending departure will weaken the bowling but the batting looks the strongest in the championship. Last year's Oxbridge captains, John Crawley and Jason Gallian, are fine young players and Michael Atherton is in his prime. As ever, Lancashire should do well in the limited-overs competitions.

1994 STAFF: M Watkinson (captain), M A Atherton, I D Austin, A A Barnett, C Brown, G Chapple, J P Crawley, N A Derbyshire, N H Fairbrother, J M Fielding, J E R Gallian, R J Green, M E Harvey, N P Harvey, W K Hegg, J A L Henderson, G D Lloyd, P J Martin, P J Seal, D J Shadford, N J Speak, J Stanworth, S P Titchard, Wasim Akram (overseas), N T Wood, G Yates.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

LAST YEAR: County championship: 7th NatWest Trophy: second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: first round Sunday league: 17th.

WHATEVER else he lacks, Tim Robinson has stickability. As cricket managers come and go at Trent Bridge (at the rate of one a season) the captain enters his seventh summer. It is now Alan Ormrod's task, as coach, to make something of the dormant talent. After Derek Randall's retirement there may be a chance for Matthew Dowman. Paul Johnson, along with Robinson, remains the main source of runs. The overseas spot is filled by Jimmy Adams, who will bolster the batting, although they will miss the bowler, Chris Cairns. In his absence they may now have their other all-rounder, Chris Lewis, for the whole summer.

1994 STAFF: R T Robinson (captain), J C Adams (overseas), J A Afford, G F Archer, R T Bates, R J Chapman, M A Crawley, W A Dessaur, M P Dowman, K P Evans, M G Field-Buss, B N French, J E Hindson, P Johnson, C C Lewis, G W Mike, M Newell, W M Noon, D B Pennett, R A Pick, P R Pollard, S A Sylvester.

YORKSHIRE

LAST YEAR: County championship: 12th. NatWest Trophy: quarter-finalists. Benson and Hedges Cup: first round. Sunday league: 9th.

FOR cricket-lovers who have grown up since they last won the championship in 1968, tales of Yorkshire's heroic deeds may seem as remote as the sacking of Troy, and characters like Trueman as romantic as Ulysses ("I bowled the Cyclops out before lunch, I can tell you"). Sachin Tendulkar came, conquered hearts and left the club as he had found it. Richie Richardson has yet to influence the team's performance. The big plus last season was the emergence of Darren Gough, who confirmed the good impression with the A team in South Africa. Michael Vaughan, a talented opening batsman, is not 20 until October.

1994 STAFF: M D Moxon (captain), J D Batty, R J Blakey, M Broadhurst, D Byas, C A Chapman, M J Foster, D Gough, A P Grayson, P J Hartley, G Keedy, S A Kellett, R A Kettleborough, A McGrath, A A Metcalfe, S M Milburn, B Parker, R B Richardson (overseas), M A Robinson, C E W Silverwood, R D Stemp, M P Vaughan, C White

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System still gives counties too much power



Fletcher: eyes opened



Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, on the relentless schedule imposed on England elite by the domestic game

Precisely four days after returning from a winter of exhausting demands, personal fulfilment and a certain glamour in the West Indies, Alec Stewart was opening the batting in the more prosaic atmosphere of the Oval on Tuesday against Andy Caddick, the England team-mate who had sat next to him on the flight home. Such is the breathless whirl in which the modern international cricketer exists.

It may say much about their comparative condition after going 13 weeks against the world champions that Stewart carried his bat for 167 and spent the rest of the first competitive day of the new season captaining and keeping wicket, while an apparently jaded Caddick took nought for 62.

But as both are likely to feature in England's plans for years to come, something which can be confidently said of very few, fatigue will seldom be more than one bad day away.

From the moment in February when the series against West Indies began, England's players were thrust into the most relentless schedule ever encountered by their like.

Within 12 months, those who last the course will play 16 Test matches against four different countries. Other countries play as many Tests as England, and some play substantially more one-day internationals, but every England player has domestic duties, too. I refer here not to doing the gardening, for he will rarely be at home long enough to know where the lawnmower is kept, but to satisfying his county that he is devoting sufficient effort to the 100 days' cricket he must play for them this summer.

It is the counties who wield the power in the English game and it is this which sets England apart — charmingly apart in one sense, though the anachronism has increasingly lost its appeal. Only in England is there any debate over whether club or country should come first. Only in England are reforms, designed to benefit the national team and thereby the general prosperity, vetoed by a system laughably called democracy but, in reality, much more a bureaucratic retardant.

Hence, the scandalous delay in implementing four-day cricket, now accepted without a murmur, and the failure to acknowledge that three one-day competitions is one too many. In the clubs' defence, it is difficult to recognise the problem until it has been experienced from both sides, in the way that Keith Fletcher has done. As the ultimate Essex man, Fletcher contentedly followed the party line of a county which, for all its other merits, has done as much as any to rebuff the march of progress, usually on the grounds that they make enough money out of the old system, so why risk change?

As England team manager, Fletcher's eyes have been opened to the "soft" roots of our game and the "meaningless" cricket which often results. He predicts Ray Illingworth will have a similar awakening, though the new chairman of selectors already shares the view espoused by Fletcher, and long championed in these columns, that the county championship is heavy with mediocrity and urgently requires a two-division system.

The benefits of encouraging quality and sustaining a competitive element all season seem obvious but it is a project which will be rejected by the majority for fear that they could end up in the second division.

Elitism, or rather the stigma of missing out on an elite, is still regarded with resentful suspicion in English cricket by some counties who misinterpret their power. Contrary to their delusions, life-giving funds each year do not, with a few notable exceptions, come from their own activities but from income generated by the England team.

Devalue that team and you risk ruin, a message which has never yet been fully appreciated and perhaps never will be until the revolution comes and the game is run professionally by a central administration, which might even pay the basic wages of every registered cricketer from international revenue.

These are the ongoing matters which will concern and periodically irritate messrs Illingworth and Fletcher this summer. Their agenda is headed, however, by the need to locate enough quality within the existing system to win two Test series.

Normally, the arrival of New Zealand at the outset of a twin-tour season would stir little excitement but this year's anticipation does not entirely depend on the possibility that England might actually win, nor on the enticing prospect of South Africa as a second course. There is a new mood, surprisingly undiminished by the trials in the Caribbean. Its focus is Michael Atherton, his own maturity as captain and batsman and his oft-stated insistence that the future depends on investing faith in youth.

It seems a pity, then, that Atherton now finds himself with three co-selectors the wrong side of their sixtieth birthday. The appointment of Brian Bolus and Fred Titmus was depressing, not because the knowledge or judgment of either man is in doubt but because they present the wrong image for the time. That a position could not be found for one recent player, 30 years or more younger, is a sorry reflection on those who nominate.

Atherton and Illingworth are undoubtedly on a collision course, for both are fiercely stubborn men and they are bound to differ on a policy or two — the selection of an experienced batsman such as Mike Gatting, for instance. So far, they appear to agree that Graham Gooch ought not to play for England at home unless he will also play away, a stricture which Illingworth scorned in his own playing days and which goes against the basic principle of picking the best available side for each series.

At the risk of being unoriginal, John Crawley, Alan Wells and Mark Ilott must head the selectors' shortlist from outside the Caribbean tour party, though by the time the season ends and thoughts turn to Australia, I hope Mal Loye, Martin Speight and even a resurgent Mark Lathwell will have made their case.

By then, Middlesex may well have retained the county championship, in which at least half the 18 clubs can be discounted, before today's launch, for shortage of bowling depth and, specifically, spin quality. Glamorgan and Sussex, whose concerns until recently were invariably at the other end of the table, are now best equipped to cause a surprise.

Lara's feat capped on arrival at Edgbaston

Oliver Holt sees the West Indian batsman engulfed by the media in Birmingham

CRICKET'S brightest star fell to earth here yesterday. Ten days after Brian Lara broke the world record for the highest Test match score, those keenest to pay the West Indian batsman the most extravagant homage began the inevitable process of demythologising him before he had even struck a ball in English county cricket.

After he agreed to sign for Warwickshire and then broke Sir Garfield Sobers's 36-year-old record with his innings of 375 in the fifth Test against England in Antigua earlier this month, Lara was destined to be fêted as the biggest box-office draw in the domestic season.

News of his signing sold 200 memberships last Sunday alone here and his arrival yesterday was awaited like that of some exotic prince, the anticipation heightened by the fact that these shores have not yet seen the full expression of his talents. His first Test century, 277, was constructed at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the remaining two in the West Indies. His achievements are surrounded with a romanticism that increases his allure.

The talent, the grace, the cuts and drives produced with the same flourishes as a violinist's bow, will remain if English pitches, less hard and flat than the ones he learnt to play on in Trinidad, do not cause him too much trouble. After all, the West Indies captain, Richie Richardson, scored only 750 runs in his first season for Yorkshire last year. Within minutes of Lara's arrival at Edgbaston to prepare for his debut today in a four-day Britannic Assurance County Championship match against Glamorgan, mystery and exoticism flew precipitately out of the window.

There is nothing like a cloudy day on the outskirts of Birmingham to drain even the most charismatic star of his allure. Lara, only 24, is a smiling, genial, softly-spoken man, more in the vein of Sobers than the bullish Botham or the brash Dennis Lillee. But still, the handful of supporters, mostly truant schoolchildren, who turned out to greet him were heavily outnumbered by the media. It also seemed strangely inappropriate that he should arrive at the near deserted ground in a car driven by his friend and countryman, Dwight Yorke, a mere Aston Villa reserve.

That he should then find himself at the centre of an argument between two newspapers within minutes of his arrival over whether he was allowed to be photographed with a congratulatory cake proffered by one of them was predictable enough. The representatives of the publication with which he has signed an exclusive deal tried desperately to block the advances of their cake-bearing rival, then relented just when it seemed things might get physical.

Lara drifted through the mêlée, the epitome of grace under pressure. With representatives from the aggrieved newspaper still in close attendance, he submitted, too, to endless photographers' requests to pose in front of his new silver club car, fitted specially for the occasion with the number plate L375 ARA. Sleek and lithe, dressed all in black, he stood dutifully for several minutes beneath the scoreboard. It, too, read 375.

"Ever since I broke the record I have been given things with 375 engraved on them," Lara said, after he had fought his way to a press conference. "I have had clocks, salvers, pictures, you name it." On cue, Mike Smith, the Warwickshire chairman, gave him another salver for his collection. Dermot Reeve, the county captain, handed him a county cap, the first the club has awarded without the player in question having hit a ball.

"It seemed to be a fitting time to do it," Reeve said. "We have only got him for one season so it is not really as if we can ask him to prove himself. You could say he has done that already, anyway."

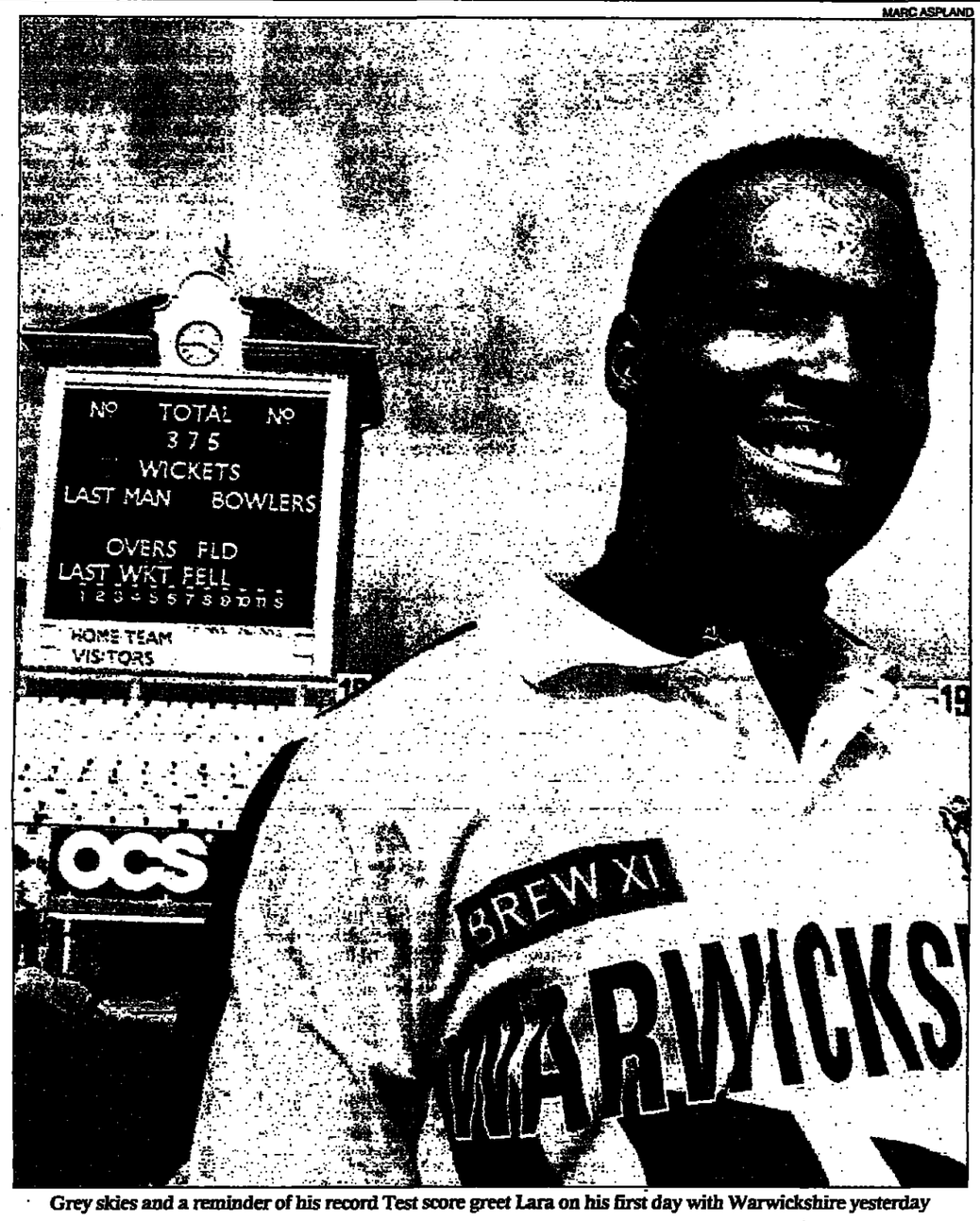
Reeve said Lara would bat at No 3 in championship matches and "stood a good chance" of opening in one-day games. Smith, relieved that "the boot was now on the other foot" and that he would not have to watch Lara wading into England in his capacity as tour manager, added: "I would be surprised if Brian does not have a very successful season with us."

Lara said that chief among the reasons he chose Warwickshire was so he could live close to his friend, Yorke. But he was at pains to ask the public of the county and of England not to expect too much of him.

"People are already talking about the 405 that Graeme Hick scored in county cricket a few years ago and me matching the nine centuries that Alvin Kallicharran scored for Warwickshire in one season in 1984. But I am not setting myself any goals yet and I just hope people remember I had a few bad scores during England's tour of the West Indies, too. People are going to expect a certain level from me now, but I just want to get acclimatised and settle in. I want to concentrate on getting my life back. When I got back to Trinidad after the last Test, I was given an itinerary of things I had to do and I have stuck by it.

"I'll be able to cope with the pressure by just going to the nets and working on my game. I have come here to improve my cricket but now I just hope I get some rest tonight. I have got a game tomorrow."

MARC ASPLAND



Grey skies and a reminder of his record Test score greet Lara on his first day with Warwickshire yesterday

World beater runs up big total off pitch

BY SIMON WILDE

BRIAN Lara not only bats like a millionaire, soon he will be one. Over the next few days the young Trinidadian, who joined Warwickshire nine days after breaking the world Test record, will probably wield his pen more often than his bat as he puts his signature to one lucrative contract after another. And in cricketing terms, it will amount to big money.

Like most of their breed, David Manasseh and Jonathan Barnett, Lara's agents, are coy when it comes to talking figures, but Manasseh said yesterday that on the back of his innings of 375 against England Lara will earn in excess of £250,000 this year. And that will be only the start. Next year West Indies make a high-profile tour of England and then there will be the next money-spinning World Cup.

Manasseh reels off what is in the pipeline: "There's a clothing company, a golf club contract, a soft drinks deal, a finance house, and then obviously there's his cricket bat and kit contract with Gray-Nicolls which is due to expire in September. That's got to be renegotiated and I think a world record deserves a world record figure. We don't want him playing second fiddle to anyone. The world's number one batsman deserves to be treated as such.

"There is also a sunglasses deal. Brian is one of the few players in the world to be paid for wearing sunglasses. We've also had a watch company showing an interest and he's recently signed a deal with the *Daily Mail*."

It requires some shadow-boxing before Manasseh will admit that the newspaper deal is worth "substantially upwards of £20,000" to Lara.

Lara's one-year contract with Warwickshire came relatively cheap for the club at £40,000, but that was because it was signed before the Antigua Test match. There must be several counties — Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Hampshire and Worcestershire — regretting that they turned down the chance during the winter to sign the West Indian for what, it is now apparent, was a bargain price. As a matter of course as an overseas player, Lara will be given the use of his own car and house by Warwickshire during the summer.

The remarkable thing is that Lara was barely halfway through his record score when the financial rewards started pouring in. His score stood on 191 when it was announced over the public address at the Recreation Ground in Antigua that a local hotelier would give Lara $2,000 if he reached his double century. On reaching 200, Lara also earned £50,000 — put up by a Borehamwood company — for the West Indian players' pool for becoming the first batsman in the series to make such a score.

He returned home to his native Trinidad to a hero's welcome — and more lavish gifts. The Prime Minister offered Lara a house, British West Indian Airlines gave him $375,000 worth of air travel and a cellular telephone company gave him 375 minutes of free calls.

Plenty of others jumped on the bandwagon. "The last four or five days have been absolutely chaotic in Trinidad," Manasseh said. "I don't really think Brian can remember what he's got coming to him. Everyone's promised him the world."

Manasseh, perhaps mindful of what happened to Robin Smith, is anxious to protect Lara from commercial distractions. "He must concentrate on his cricket. We want him to carry on doing what he's doing and that is scoring runs."

Keeping an eye on the scoreboard rather than the bank balance was never a problem for Lara's predecessors. All Hutton got when he claimed the Test record in 1938 was a celebratory drink in the middle. Even Sobers, whose 365 not out in 1958 established the record which Lara broke, missed out on the age of sponsorship. Had he not done so, it might not have been necessary to hold the fund-raising dinners last month that marked the fortieth anniversary of his Test debut.

Soviet break-up unleashes new forces seeking Olympic gold



David Miller reports on the visit of Olympic leader Juan Antonio Samaranch to the old silk route

It is a sobering prospect that, by this time next year, Britain may have a lower Davis Cup ranking than Uzbekistan. Than who, you may ask?

In spite of acute financial hardship being experienced by most of the newly independent states, sport is on the move all along the ancient silk route to China, through Baku, Tashkent and Alma Ata.

"People suppose the Soviet break-up will make it easier for other nations," Samaranch says. "The opposite is true — there are now a dozen new countries with potential medal-winners."

Uzbekistan is the most developed of the five republics east of the Caspian, though all are wealthy in national resources. Uzbekistan's name dates back to Uzbeg Khan, a chief of the Golden Horde, who introduced Islam in the 14th century, though the population is a blend of Mongol, Turk, Afghan, Jew and Russian. Tashkent, a huge rambling capital of wide boulevards and two million people was initially a candidate to host the Olympic Games of 2000.

"We withdrew because of the border war with Tajikistan," Sobir Ruziev, a former fencing world champion and sports minister, said. "Now we think it better to develop step by step." Uzbekistan contributed 17 competitors to the CIS team at Barcelona and won three gold medals, two silver and a bronze.

In meetings with the five republic heads of state and national Olympic committees, Samaranch encouraged two immediate strategies: the separation of the function of sports ministry and Olympic committee between mass sport and elite sport — all are still geared to the old Soviet system of ministry-directed sport, with nominal Olympic representation — and the establishment of a quadrenniel Central Asian Games from next year.

Evidence from the visit revealed that Tashkent is far from ready for the Olympic event, even if staging some events at historic, fairytale Samarkand, from where Tamerlane ruled an empire that stretched from the Volga to the Ganges. Samaranch's visit coincided with a central Asian football tournament and a tennis tournament being supervised by Gene Scott, a former US Davis Cup player who directs the Kremlin Cup in Moscow. A $40 million tennis complex has just been completed, and if Uzbekistan win their zonal group two, and Britain lose to Romania in July, Uzbekistan will have a higher status.

More than 30 per cent of sports facilities are being privatised.

The Kazaks are a people of remarkable fortitude, ambitious to stage the winter Olympics of 2006. Alma Ata (Father Apple) is situated beneath Mount Alaitau, site of the world's highest natural outdoor winter arena. With a unique combination of the quality of air and mountain water plus an altitude of 6,000 feet, 140 world records have been broken in 20 years, but recent poor maintenance means the venue cannot compete with more modern sites.

The national fortitude stems from enduring ferocious winter and summer seasons, exemplified by the Nordic marathon victory of Vladimir Smirnov in Lillehammer, Kazakstan's first Olympic medal. Kirgiziya is the poorest of the five eastern republics, its plight worsened by an appalling winter in which thousands died. Descended from nomadic, horse breeding Mongols, the Kirghis are first recorded in the fifth century and today they have one of the foremost institutes of physical culture, with 1200 students, almost 50 per cent coming from Russia or Ukraine. In 40 years of Soviet Olympic participation, the institute produced 42 champions, and 800 Masters of Sport. Their halls have that severe, spartan feel that is synonymous with breeding excellence, the leathery smell of inspiration. Yet the Olympic committee, financially struggling under the dedicated leadership of Eshim Koutmanaliev — for 23 years the institute's president — could afford to send only one competitor to the Lillehammer Games. The government was asked for a $30,000 one-year budget: it granted $2,687! Like other small nations, Kirgiziya struggles to meet international federation membership fees, cannot attend seminars, and loses its best footballers/basketballers to foreign teams.

Tajikistan, impoverished by border wars, attempts to earn foreign currency by selling water from the snows of its extensive mountains to Arab nations, and unwanted Aeroflot planes left behind by the Soviet regime. Sport lives hand to mouth at nearly 100 sports schools. Andoz Abduvalliev won the hammer at the Barcelona Olympics for the CIS team, and four others finished in the top six. A visit to Dushanbe's tennis school revealed many 12-year-olds of exceptional talent. Samaranch promised two overseas scholarships.



The last stop before moving to the Caucasus was Ashkhabad, Turkmenia, home of some of the world's greatest weightlifters. In the recent world championships in Australia, Turkmenia won ten gold medals, 25 silver and bronze. It is a country rich in natural gas, oil and cotton, but has many debtor neighbours. A team of 50 will be sent to the Asian Games at Hiroshima in October. Samaranch gave the same advice as to the others: concentrate forces for the moment on small teams from the stronger sports. He offered two study scholarships.

Tomorrow: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia.

Laughton paying no heed to Cup odds

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IN AN airless, windowless cubby hole at Headingley, Doug Laughton sat in a fog of cigarette smoke. The Leeds rugby league manager has a bet that he will not light up on the bench at Wembley. He was caught out there by television last time, puffing on a celebratory cigar.

For all their willpower, a puff of smoke is how many see Leeds' chances ending up against Wigan in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final on Saturday.

"Logic says they've got the greater experience, the record, but if the best force won every time, it wouldn't be a contest. Isn't that part of the definition of sport?" Laughton asked.

It is logic that also tells him that, with the likes of Ellery Hanley, Alan Tait and Gary Mercer in his side, great things are possible and that fortunes will return to a great club. In the decade since Leeds last won anything of real significance, Wigan have swept up 27 trophies, including the Challenge Cup on seven occasions.

The ones they missed nearly all went to Laughton at Widnes. Leeds recruited him in 1991, with the reminder that he could expect more than the *Widnes Weekly News* coming down on him. What Laughton inherited was ten years of "bad buying" by the club. One of his first moves was to snap Hanley up from Wigan.

Laughton once sold central heating and kitchens, and the sales patter is legendary. He lured Martin Offiah north and persuaded Emosi Koloto, the Tongan, to leave the South Pacific for Widnes. Jonathan Davies was halfway through having a house built in Wales when the call came. "Duggie was so persistent, so business-like. I tell you, it's awfully hard to say no to the bloke."

To rugby union, he is the arch parasite; to league, the best talent scout around. Craig Innes and Jim Fallon were among his early captures at Headingley. Union is not what it was though, Laughton said. "Five or six years ago you could have signed a Guscott, but some of these lads are earning enough that they don't need to move."

His greatest hope lies in the youth policy he initiated at Leeds and has spawned a generation of outstanding talent. Graham Holroyd, Francis Cummins and Marcus Vassilakopoulos are names that could well end up being ranked alongside those of Andy Gregory, Joe Lydon and Tony Myler from the Laughton school of excellence.

This policy, of course, involves patience, not a particular virtue at Leeds — Laughton was the club's seventh manager in six years. "I'm surprised still to be around," he said, "but I think I've fulfilled the promises I made at the start: to fill the place with good players and good kids.

"I've felt for some time we had a good team and it wasn't happening. But being logical again, making the changes we did, things weren't instantly going to gel. We can give Wigan a good going at Wembley — it's only a piece of grass in London — and in years to come, I think we'll be overhauling them on all fronts."

Saturday will be Laughton's ninth visit to the Challenge Cup final. He won twice as a player with Widnes and twice as coach, and should Leeds break Wigan's six-year monopoly on the title, all bets about him not smoking will definitely be off.

JOHN HOULIHAN



All bets will be off if Laughton, the Leeds manager, meets success at Wembley

☐ Shaun Edwards, the Wigan scrum half, has agreed a new three-year deal, ending speculation about a move to Auckland Warriors. Auckland may now switch their attentions to Jason Robinson, the 19-year-old winger, who is rumoured to be considering a transfer request after Va'Aiga Tuigamala was selected ahead of him for Wembley.

Ellery Hanley's hamstring injury has improved, but a final decision is unlikely until the morning of the match. The prop forward, Neil Harmon, will play after plaster was removed from a broken thumb.

LEEDS (probable): A Tait; J Fallon, K Iro, C Innes, F Cummins; G Holroyd, G Schofield; N Harmon, J Lowes, H Howard, G Mercer, R Eyres, E Hanley (capt).

☐ Brian Smith, who played international rugby union for Australia and Ireland, has retired. Smith's decision comes a week after being dropped by the Winfield Cup club, Eastern Suburbs.

Visionary who helped Leicester to pinnacle



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

Leicester need few excuses for a dinner: such festive occasions marked the playing retirements, in successive years, of Dusty Hare, Les Cusworth, Paul Dodge and, just for good measure, the Tigers threw in a celebration of Rory Underwood's record-breaking feats with England.

Last night they held yet another, though this time the recipient was enjoying the club's hospitality for the second occasion: when H V "Chalkie" White left Leicester 12 years ago to take up a post in Taunton as a Rugby Football Union (RFU) divisional technical administrator, his contribution to the club as player and coach had to be marked.

Now that he has passed his 65th birthday, White has retired and, technically, takes a back seat in rugby union affairs. But Leicester, though they wished to mark this "departure" too, know their man: White's influence on coaching committees and the playing of the game will still be available to the RFU and one of the game's originals will not be allowed to retreat quietly into his Somerset garden.

White was one of the visionaries who helped turn Leicester, during the mid-1970s, into the force they have become today. Every club must have one, as Bath have found: Jack Rowell during the last decade has been to them what White was to Leicester, but whereas White, in 1979, was denied the chance to coach England when he was so clearly the leading contender, Rowell has been given his deserved chance to influence the national team as manager.

Many people in English rugby did not, and do not, get on with White. As a coach his acerbic tongue could flail players who had not performed and, as an administrator, he had the uncomfortable knack of offering home truths to those who preferred not to hear them. As a coach he had little time for the political crafts which might have ensured the role of national coach; as an administrator he learnt that manipulation could be part of the game to coax others towards his vision.

When he moved to the South West he described his new patch as a "sleeping giant." He wanted to implement a development plan for young players and coaches and such constituent bodies as Buckinghamshire, with their successful under-21 programme, have rewarded his efforts: "I didn't expect the support of the major clubs when I took up the job," he said. "None of them thought the RFU had much for them anyway.



Rowell: chance

"But the parochial attitudes I found have been destructive. The contrast between the three of them has been interesting: Gloucester had no right to a pre-eminence but it was a difficult ground to win on and they won a lot of games by the strength of feeling for the game and a certain physical empathy with what is required to win.

"Bath is a manufactured set-up. There was not a lot to start with but they have got themselves together from a population base which should not carry as successful a club as they have become. They have developed the machinery and acquired leaders: Jack Rowell has led them, with one or two significant players, and now their record speaks for itself and history repeats itself [where White had Peter Wheeler to interpret his view on the field, Rowell has had Stuart Barnes].

"But Bristol is bigger than the other two put together. There is a willingness in the club but they have had far more mishits than they should have done."

White perceives a future in which the game is played at three distinct levels, with laws suited to the abilities and aspirations of each group — just as present law makes allowance for under-19s. England's difficulty, with so many players, is to sift the talent: "Three out of four players are involved in rugby for social reasons, quite rightly.

"But the one with ability, initiative, prepared to train hard, is mixed up with the other three. Separating them isn't easy. The clubs must accept the responsibility of understanding why people want to play for them and help individuals develop. But my single fellow won't get anywhere unless he spends ten hours a week at the game — and that's before playing it.

"We are very close to the commitment of a professional game but it's no good hiding from that fact, if the majority want it. If, however, they choose to go that way, they must know why, they must know their objectives and they must be able to defend them with good arguments."

Proud Sun prevails in thrilling tussle

POINT-TO-POINT
BY BRIAN BEEL

THE national point-to-point festival at Garthorpe yesterday, watched by 4,000 spectators, was set alight in the first race when Proud Sun, under Mike Felton, just got the verdict over Prince Of Verona, the two being locked together over the last half furlong.

Proud Sun is owned by Stewart Pike who produced Synderborough Lad to win The Times Rising Stars final at Newbury. Pike said: "I believe Proud Sun is better than Synderborough Lad but like all of Sunyboy's offspring, they take time to develop. I hope he will be running in The Times series next year."

"It was well worth waiting for," said John Cornwall after winning the novice championship on RN Commander, a 20-1 outsider. They held on by half a length from the fast-finishing Drawn 'N' Quartered.

Cornwall, who also owns and trains RM Commander within ten minutes of the course, has been racing for seven years without previous success.

Although only three went to the post for The Times ladies' championship the result proved unpredictable right up to the finish.

Neltrama had led for most of the way but was collared by the favourite, Layedback Jack, three fences from home where Royal Approval had been dropped.

With Layedback Jack in command at the last, Neltrama fell, fracturing Kim Gilman's collarbone, but half way up the run-in, the favourite slowed dramatically and Royal Approval came through to win by ten lengths.

There was a tragic end to the Citroen men's open championship when Baron Bob broke a leg and was put down after falling at the last fence when challenging Fine Lace. The second favourite, ridden by Jimmy Tarry, was left 15 lengths clear to win from Okeetee.

RESULTS: Intermediate: 1, Proud Sun (M Felton 5-2 fav). 2, Prince Of Verona; 3, Lord Fawsley. 8 ran. Members: 1, RN Commander (J Cornwall 20-1); 2, Drawn 'N' Quartered; 3, Abdul Emir. 10 ran. Times Ladies: 1, Royal Approval (D Stanhope 9-2); 2, Layedback Jack, only 2 ran. 3 ran. Open: 1, Fine Lace (G Tarry 6-4); 2, Okeetee, 3, Write The Music. 5 ran. Young Riders: 1, Sir Noddy (C Stockton, 15-8 fav); 2, Chief Ironside; 3, Stanwick Fortap. 10 ran. Veterans: 1 Kelly's Honor (Miss M Bellamy, 5-2). 2, Directly. 3, Shipmate. 8 ran.

Dream goes on for Lady Herries

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

LADY Herries travelled in hope to Ascot yesterday but left dreaming of Gold Cup glory after Safety In Numbers won the Insulpak Sagaro Stakes in a race record time.

In a thrilling finish which saw five horses spread across the track as they approached the final furlong of the two-mile race, Safety In Numbers produced a decisive burst of speed inside the final 100 yards to dash the hopes of backers who had made Cairo Prince the 100-30 favourite.

Lady Herries, who is particularly successful with stayers from her Arundel training base, was overjoyed by the latest success of a horse who has improved by more than 2½ stones and won six races since she bought him last year.

"It's wonderful, I can't believe it. We came here in hope but he has done it. They went so fast that Kevin Darley said there was no horse left in Swinley Bottom but he niggled and coming into the straight he saw the wide open space and took off.

"I think when we bought him he was wrong. We bought him as a dual purpose horse but didn't realise how good he was. Today was the first time I have had him when he has not won on the bridle. He can quicken and hopefully we will come back in June for the Gold Cup."

Nap: WIND IN HER HAIR
(3.00 Newmarket)

Next best: Call Me I'm Blue
(4.15 Newmarket)

Princely Hush will also return for the royal meeting. Having beaten the useful Limerick Belle by four lengths in the Garter Conditions Stakes, he will be aimed at the Norfolk Stakes.

Michael Stoute was another trainer with every reason to smile after landing a double which included a huge gamble on Dahyah, who was backed down from an early morning price of 14-1 and sent off the 5-1 favourite.

Having cost $1.2 million dollars as a yearling, the four-year-old had been restricted to just two racecourse appearances due to niggling setbacks and injuries. Following a 551-day lay off he was burdened with top weight of 9st 12lb in the White Rose Stakes, and made virtually all the running under Walter Swinburn to the dismay of bookmakers. He came home a length-and-a-half clear from Kingchip Boy, with Beauman the same distance away in third.

"Inside the two-furlong pole I thought I would get caught but his ability saw him through," Swinburn said of the Danzig colt, who holds entries in the Eclipse and Lockinge Stakes.

The victory represented a magnificent training performance by Stoute, who had earlier sent out Zafaaf to follow up her impressive Newmarket debut by taking the Insulpak Conditions Stakes. In contrast to her debut, where the Kris filly came from off the pace, she won the hard way yesterday by making most of the running and fighting back gallantly after being headed by Sovinista inside the final furlong.

Face North produced a decisive finishing burst to head No Extras and win the Insulpak Victoria Cup for Reg Akehurst, who sent out Sky Cloud to win the same race in 1991.

☐ Ladbrokes yesterday took Turtle Island out of the betting for the Madagans 2,000 Guineas on Saturday as warm weather continued to dry out Newmarket. The bookmakers bet: 9-2 King's Theatre, 6-1 Golden Nashwan, 8-1 Suplizi and Colonel Collins, 10-1 Distant View, 12-1 bar. Turtle Island is now quoted at 6-1 with a run.



Zafaaf, left, battles back to get the better of Sovinista at Ascot yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

THUNDERER

2.10 Top Pet. 2.40 Misty Silks. 3.10 Cuff Link. 3.45 Baytin. 4.20 Airport. 4.55 Ten-To-Six Girl. 5.25 Manssai. 5.55 Glanmerin.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 AIRPORT.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 ALMOND APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,826: 6f 212yd) (20 runners)

1	(15)	23-4	PROUD BRIGADIER 17 (D,6,5) D Laing 8-10-0	M Henry (7)	91
2	(3)	500-	SOAKING 169 (D,F) G Moore 4-10-0	L Sathern (7)	85
3	(12)	40-3	TOP PET 10 (C,F) R Akehurst 4-8-9	R Moogan (7)	84
4	(1)	60-0	MOHAWK TRAIL 12 (D,F,6) G Lewis 5-9-8	A Whelan (5)	–
5	(13)	10-0	ROCALITY 20 (D,F,6,S) M Channon 5-9-6	R Waterfield (5)	91
6	(16)	0000	MR CUBE 12 (F,6) J Bradley 4-8-5	E Gravity (7)	89
7	(8)	32-4	MATHANDAN 13 B Palling 3-8-2	M Baird	84
8	(2)	15-8	MAKE THE BREAK 28 (6) R Hannon 3-8-0	D O'Neill (5)	90
9	(19)	0-06	PRECIOUS WONDER 17 (D,6) P Butler 5-8-13	G Strange (3)	97
10	(11)	4-03	TORC MOUNTAIN 12 G Barnett 4-8-12	D Griffiths (5)	93
11	(7)	2060	MAPLE BAY 12 (D,6) K White 5-8-11	D Carson	90
12	(9)	55-0	BRECKLAND 67 K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-11	A Lakeman (5)	80
13	(17)	00-0	NOBPROB 33 (D,F) R Hodges 4-8-11	D Toole (3)	99
14	(20)	40-0	JEWEL THIEF 42 G Balding 4-8-10	Martin Dwyer (5)	90
15	(10)	5625	DISTANT DYNASTY 9 J Long 4-8-9	C Webb (7)	89
16	(14)	020-	MAINDEVILLE GEORGE 218 M Channon 3-8-7	A Eddery (7)	81
17	(18)	000-	CUCKMERE VENTURE 178 R Voorspuy 4-8-4	S Lanigan (5)	–
18	(6)	060-	RAGAZZO 80J (B) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-2	B Mitchell	98
19	(4)	000-	SEASON'S STAR 188 Mrs M McCourt 4-8-1	P Bowe	95
20	(5)	/0	BEACHY GLEN 6J (6,6) R Baker 7-8-1	W Hawksley (5)	–

7-2 Make The Break, 4-1 Top Pet, 6-1 Proud Brigadier, 8-1 Mohawk Trail, 10-1 Mattandan, Torc Mountain, 12-1 Distant Dynasty, Jewel Thief, 14-1 others.

2.40 LAUDERDALE HANDICAP
(£4,143: 1m) (18 runners)

1	(10)	400-	CLOUDED ELEGANCE 230 (CD,6) I Balding 4-10-0	S O'Gorman	84
2	(4)	0-60	ROYAL INTERVAL 28 (D,F,6) W G M Turner 4-9-12	T Sprake	83
3	(3)	/30-	AMLACE 40J (F) S Mellor 5-9-11	A Procter (5)	–
4	(13)	510-	BELFRY BREEN 180 (F) C Horgan 4-9-10	D Holland	82
5	(14)	-403	MISTY SILKS 9 (D,6,5) M Ryan 4-9-6	P McCabe (5)	97
6	(1)	0-20	PICKANT 59 (D,5F,F,6,5) Lord Huntingdon 7-9-6	B Raymond	89
7	(8)	00-0	POLAR STORM 33 (CD,F,6,5) Lady Herries 4-9-4	J Williams	97
8	(7)	2406	PORT SUNLIGHT 8 (D,F,5) R Hannon 6-8-3	D Gibbs (7)	88
9	(18)	225-	WAKIL 189 (CD,F,6) L Cottrell 5-8-3	W Carlisle	96
10	(2)	404-	INDERAPUTERI 256 (F) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-13	Stephen Davies (3)	97
11	(5)	1320	BEVERLY KNIGHT 24 (D,6) D Morley Smith 4-8-13	C Rutter	92
12	(15)	000-	PRAIRIE GROVE 41J (6,5) J King 4-8-12	Mark Denaro (7)	93
13	(6)	30-2	SEA BARON 10 M Blanshard 4-8-10	J Quinn	96
14	(11)	000-	LORD OBERON 194 (D,F,6) J Akehurst 8-8-9	S Whitworth	95
15	(17)	0-00	SALBUS 13 (V,D,6) S Dow 4-8-6	Paul Eddery	90
16	(9)	1010	SIR NORMAN HOLT 28 (B,D,F,6) R O'Sullivan 5-8-6	A Clark	90
17	(12)	000-	VAGANOVA 295 (6) R Akehurst 5-8-7	R Perham	82
18	(16)	0-00	SOOTY TERN 12 (D,F,6) J Bradley 7-8-5	W Newnes	94

11-2 Polar Storm, 6-1 Sea Baron, 7-1 Port Sunlight, 8-1 Beverly Knight, Clouded Elegance, Misty Silks, 10-1 Inderaputeri, Pikant, Wakil, 12-1 others.

3.10 DOUGLAS HANDICAP (£7,347: 1m 6f) (6)

1	(6)	041-	CASTLE COURAGEOUS 160J (F,G) (D) Lady Herries 7-9-0	J Williams	93
2	(4)	12-3	DOVER PATROL 10 (D,6,5) H Cecil 4-8-5	A McGlone	95
3	(5)	22-2	CUFF LINK 10 Major W Hern 4-8-1	Paul Eddery	93
4	(2)	0-14	BLACKPATCH HILL 15 (6,5) J Dunlop 5-8-0	G Carter	89
5	(1)	003-	FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 122J (D,6,5) R Hannon 5-7-11	G Bardwell	94
6	(3)	32-2	STAR PLAYER 25 (D,F,G) R Baker 8-7-11	F Norton	93

11-4 Castle Courageous, 7-2 Dover Patrol, 4-1 Blackpatch Hill, Flight Lieutenant, 13-2 Cuff Link, 10-1 Star Player.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 10 winners from 27 runners, 37.0%; M Stoute, 6 from 20, 30.0%; H Cecil, 5 from 18, 27.8%; A Scott, 4 from 16, 25.0%; P Cole, 13 from 72, 18.1%; R Charlton, 8 from 52, 15.4.

JOCKEYS: B Raymond, 8 winners from 50 rides, 12.0%; J Williams, 22 from 205, 10.7%.

3.45 SUTHERLAND HANDICAP (£3,262: 6f) (18)

1	(7)	10-2	PHARAOH'S DANCER 24 (D,6,5) M McCormack 7-10-0	D Gibbs (7)	95
2	(14)	352-	CONSPICUOUS 271 (6) L Cottrell 4-10-0	R Palmer (7)	93
3	(10)	030-	MY RUBY RING 185 (CD,F,6,S) D Laing 7-10-0	M Henry (7)	87
4	(15)	10-1	BAYIN 8 (D,F,6,S) M Usher 5-9-11 (6ex)	R Street	95
5	(8)	000-	PISKOU 46J C Horgan 4-9-8	Paul Eddery	–
6	(13)	2-05	HARRY'S COMING 10 (D,F,6,S) R Hodges 10-8-6	S Drowne (5)	85
7	(2)	00-0	GREY CHARMER 13 (CD,F,6,S) C Jones 5-9-5	W Newnes	78
8	(4)	500-	PEBBY FAN 188 G Balding 4-9-4	B Thomson	94
9	(18)	0152	AL SHAATI 8 (D,6) R O'Sullivan 4-9-3	A Clark	98
10	(5)	2-00	SARENA LADY 8 (6) K McAuliffe 4-8-2	D Holland	94
11	(16)	0-00	ASTERIX 22 (D,F,6) J Bradley 6-9-1	Mark Denaro (7)	90
12	(12)	0/06	VIENNA BOUND 21 C Wall 4-8-13	W Woods	–
13	(9)	00-6	OUR SHADEE 8 (V,D,F) K Ivory 4-8-12	G Bardwell	98
14	(3)	00-0	WESTERN VALLEY 28 (CD,6) K Cunn-Brown 4-8-10	S Whitworth	88
15	(17)	-361	TOMASHENKO 13 (D,6) T Donnelly 5-8-6	N Connorton	88
16	(6)	060-	SLIVOVITZ 254 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-6	Stephen Davies (3)	84
17	(1)	0-10	ZINBAQ 31 (D,F,6,S) C Benstead 8-8-2	T Williams	94
18	(11)	40-0	DRAGONMIST 13 L Holt 4-8-1	N Adams	84

7-4 Baytin, 5-1 Pharaoh's Dancer, 7-1 Al Shaati, 8-1 Tomashenko, 10-1 others.

4.20 PENTLAND CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,323: 1m 1f 209yd) (5)

1	(3)	115-	BLAZE AWAY 230 (F,6) I Balding 9-6	S O'Gorman	95
2	(2)	1	AIRPORT 15 (S) J Gosden 9-0	D Holland	95
3	(2)	251-	SHERMAN 182 (6) R Thomson Jones 9-0	B Raymond	90
4	(1)	61-2	WISKING 12 (BF,5) R Hannon 9-0	W Newnes	88
5	(4)	321-	COSACH 188 (6) H Cecil 8-9	A McGlone	83

7-4 Wishing, 9-4 Airport, 9-2 Blaze Away, 5-1 Colpach, 8-1 Sherman.

4.55 LEVY BOARD LIMITED STAKES
(£2,624: 6f) (11)

1	(2)	1110	AGWA 86 (CD,BF,F,6) R O'Sullivan 5-10-0	J Quinn	95
2	(3)	3014	JON'S CHOICE 12 (D,6) B Preece 6-10-0	T Wall	97
3	(3)	0-31	PALACEGATE GOLD 17 (D,F,6,S) R Hodges 5-9-10	S Drowne (5)	73
4	(6)	60-2	ELTON LEDGER 21 (D,F,6) A Scott 5-9-8	B Raymond	75
5	(11)	00-0	NOBLING 119 (D,F,6) K Cunn-Brown 4-9-8	W Newnes	62
6	(6)	00-0	SEASIDE MINSTREL 10 (F,6) D Williams 6-8-8	Aimee Cook (7)	95
7	(4)	6251	MUTINOUS 13 (D,3) J Long 3-8-7	Stephen Davies (3)	78
8	(5)	000-	ADMIRALELLA 174 (D,F) J Akehurst 3-8-5	S Whitworth	93
9	(10)	00-4	DAILY SPORT CLUB 31 R Curtis 5-8-5	G Bardwell	78
10	(1)	2-26	ROBIN LAKE 20 (BF) I Balding 3-8-5	S O'Gorman	87
11	(7)	005-	TEN-TO-SIX GIRL 171 Major W Hern 3-8-5	Paul Eddery	83

4-1 Agwa, Jon's Choice, 9-2 Palacegate Gold, Robin Lake, 11-2 others.

5.25 MORRISTON MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 3-Y-O: £3,980: 1m) (18 runners)

1	(8)	0	ANTONIO MARIANO 12 C Horgan 9-0	A McGlone	–
2	(4)		BARDISUES J Dunlop 9-0	G Carter	–
3	(16)	00-0	FARNHAM 24 I Balding 9-0	S O'Gorman	–
4	(14)	00-	FOOD BROKER FELLA 195 R Akehurst 9-0	R Perham	–
5	(9)		MANSSAI J Gosden 9-0	D Holland	–
6	(2)	24	MINT A MILLION 9 (BF) M Blanshard 9-0	J Quinn	–
7	(12)	020-	POLAR QUEST 216 M McCormack 9-0	M Perrett	–
8	(18)	0	PRIZE PERFORMER 12 J Eustace 9-0	N Kennedy (5)	–
9	(15)	0-0	TARTOOTH 16 C Benstead 9-0	T Williams	–
10	(11)	00-	TWIN CREEKS 344 P Harris 9-0	Stephen Davies (3)	–
11	(17)	280-	WILLIAM TELL 196 R Johnson Houghton 9-0	T Sprake	88
12	(7)	6-	ZEETARO 178 Major W Hern 9-0	B Raymond	78
13	(1)	60	DANCE STEPPE 17 (B) J Spearing 8-9	A Clark	–
14	(10)		DUALITY M Channon 8-9	W Woods	–
15	(13)		FEELING HOPE M Saunders 8-9	V Slattery	–
16	(5)		MEADOW GRASS G Lewis 8-9	S Whitworth	–
17	(3)	046-	PEVERIL PRINCESS 191 G Balding 8-9	J Williams	–
18	(6)		POMORIE R Charlton 8-9	S Raymond	–

7-2 Manssai, 9-2 Mint A Million, 8-1 Bardigues, 8-1 Farnham, 10-1 others.

5.55 MORRISTON MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 3-Y-O: 1m) (18 runners)

1	(11)	0-	BLAZING HEART 322 J Hills 9-0	W Newnes	–
2	(6)		CALL ME ALBI G Moore 9-0	A Clark	–
3	(14)	04-5	DESERT CONQUEROR 35 A Scott 9-0	B Raymond	88
4	(18)	0	DESERT FIGHTER 15 M Stoute 9-0	Paul Eddery	90
5	(4)	0	EDGAR KIRBY 15 P Harris 9-0	G Carter	76
6	(10)	0	GLANMERIN 15 J Gosden 9-0	D Holland	74
7	(16)	5-0	MARSHALL MEY 12 R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake	–
8	(3)	4-	MOOFAJI 176 Major W Hern 9-0	A McGlone	97
9	(17)	0-	MR BROWNING 191 Mark Campion 9-0	B Thomson	–
10	(1)	0-	RONALDSWAY 205 R Baker 9-0	R Adams	–
11	(15)	0-	RUB AL KHALI 128 D Laing 8-9	T Williams	–
12	(16)		SEA FREEDOM G Balding 8-9	J Williams	–
13	(9)		SHIFTING CLOUD M Madgwick 9-0	M Perrett	–
14	(12)	5-44	TOP TYCOON 10 R Hannon 9-0	R Perham	86
15	(8)	0-	WHITE TOP 295 Lord Huntingdon 9-0	Aimee Cook (7)	–
16	(7)	6-5	YET MORE ROSES 12 P Cole 9-0	C Rutter	85
17	(6)	0-0	BAYBELLINA 12 C Benstead 8-9	J Quinn	–
18	(2)	0	CALL OF THE NIGHT 13 D Elsworth 8-9	G Bardwell	80

7-2 Glanmerin, 4-1 Desert Fighter, 5-1 Moofaji, 7-1 Top Tycoon, 8-1 others.

Andromaque is creditable third at Evry

THE Roger Charlton-trained Andromaque finished a creditable third behind Elacata and Ring Pink in yesterday's Prix Corrida, run over an extended ten furlongs at Evry.

Cash Asmussen always had Andromaque in a good position but could never really strike a blow at the first two home. The American rider said: "She had a perfect position throughout the race but was a little one-paced in the closing stages. It may have been just a bit too far for her."

Ring Pink, who had tried to make all the running under Olivier Doleuze was slightly unlucky not to land the spoils as Elacata (Guy Guignard), trained in Germany by Bruno Schutz, came with a late run to get up on the line. The winner was returned at 23.5-1 on the Pari-mutuel.

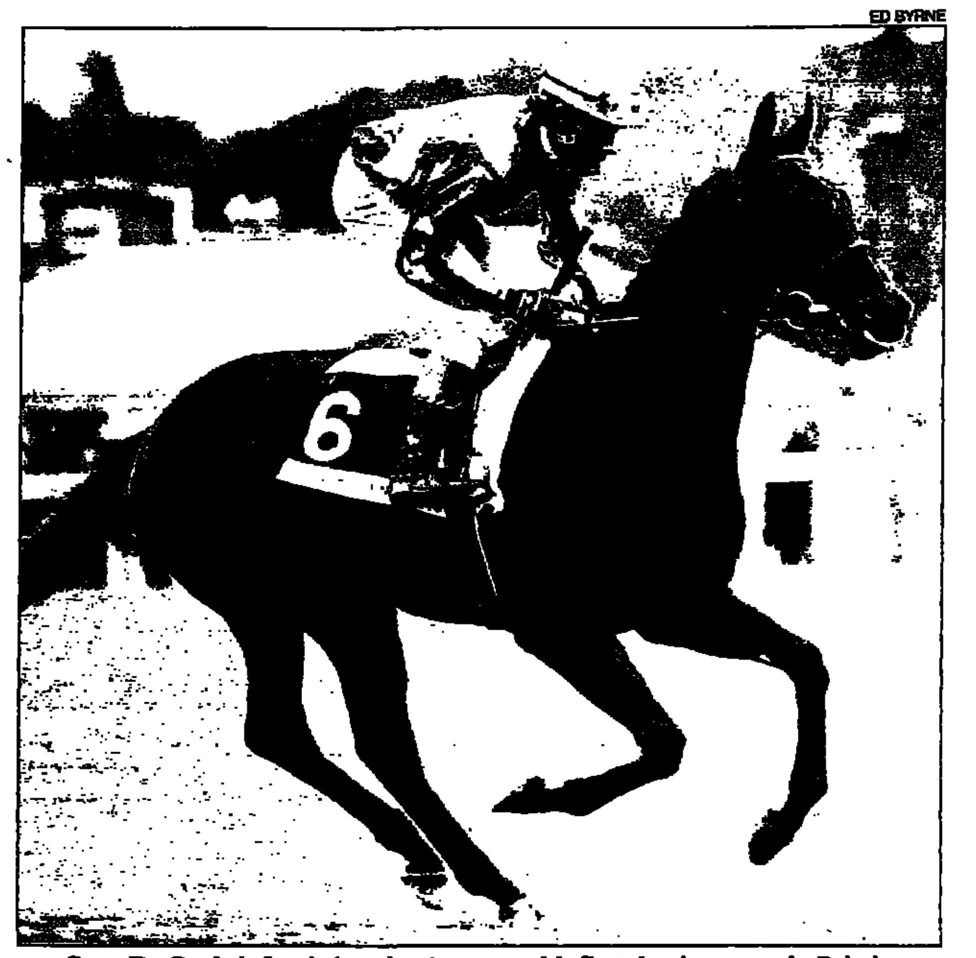
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Coup De Genie can triumph

Richard Evans previews the first classic of the season and believes a French filly will take the honours



COUP De Genie possesses the brilliance to land the Madagans 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket today, provided she does not suffer a recurrence of the dehabilitating problem with broken blood vessels.

The flying French filly, owned by Stavros Niarchos and trained at Chantilly by Francois Boutin, looked exceptional during a six-week spell last summer when she twice beat colts in group one races. Her lightning acceleration on the track, which was underlined by time performances far superior to anything recorded by her 16 rivals this afternoon, led her trainer to compare the Mr Prospector filly with Arazi and Miesque, who won the fillies' classic for the Boutin-Niarchos team in 1987.

However, Coup De Genie's reputation was tarnished somewhat when she trailed in fifth in the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp on Arc day and was subsequently found to have broken a blood vessel. She suffered a similar reverse in the Breeders' Cup fillies' race at Santa Anita in November, despite racing on Lasix, the drug permitted by most American tracks to help "bleeders".

A plan to race Coup De Genie on medication in the United States was shelved and instead she was sent off to her owner's stud in Normandy where she benefited enormously from a 2½-month rest. Her return to racing action at Maisons-Laffitte three weeks ago reminded onlookers of her summer brilliance as she strolled to victory in a fast time — and without bleeding.

The doubts about her health still remain in the mind of Boutin and her jockey, Cash Asmussen, as the filly has yet to be asked to race seriously this season and so be put under the kind of pressure which could prompt her internal system to snap.

Asmussen, who is seeking his first English classic success, said yesterday: "We have not asked any big questions of her yet because Mr Boutin wants to get her to Newmarket at her best. She is ticking over and until we ask the question no-one will know for sure. I am very enthusiastic, but it is a case of fingers crossed."

Asmussen is the perfect jockey for Coup De Genie as he will be able to relax the filly off the pace and conserve her energies for one burst of acceleration inside the final furlong. If she withstands the big-race pressure, **COUP DE GENIE** can improve on the performance of her brother, Machiavellian, who finished second to Tirol in the 1990 running of the 2,000 Guineas.

Mehthaaf, who was made favourite for today's classic after her five-length success in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Headquarters a fortnight ago, finished only a length and two places ahead of Boutin's filly on Arc day. Although she enjoyed the run of the race at Newmarket, with Willie Carson able to dictate from the front against several unfit rivals, it is hard to see anything behind her that day reversing the form.

In contrast to Mehthaaf's trouble-free race, **Bulaxie** overcame all kinds of problems during running before winning the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury, and Carson was a shade fortunate not to lose the race in the stewards' room.

The Bustino filly impressed with her battling qualities and ability to quicken away from her rivals after squeezing through a tight gap. Of the two John Dunlop runners, she could be open to the most improvement, especially when she tackles a longer trip.

The participation of the American-trained filly, **Irish Forever**, along with **Balanchine**, who has wintered in Dubai, add an international flavour to the opening classic of the Flat season, but it will be a surprise if they are battling out the finish.

Las Meninas, only just beaten by Turtle Island in the Phoenix Stakes last August, represents Irish hopes but, along with **Relatively Special**, lacks a run this campaign.

Of the outsiders, the Michael Stoute-trained **Dance To The Top** and **Mytilene**, from the in-form John Gosden yard, make most appeal.

ED BYRNE

Coup De Genie is fancied to give Asmussen his first classic success in Britain

3.40 MADAGANS 1,000 GUINEAS STAKES (C4)

(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £112,705: 1m) (17 runners)

401 (17) 11- BALANCHINE (Maktoum Al Maktoum) H Ibrahim (UAE) 9-0 ... L Dettori 83
(ch f Storm Bird - Morning Devotion) (Blue, white chevron, light blue cap)
402 (9) 31-1 BULAXIE (C) (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 9-0 ... M Kinane 89
(b f Bustino - Galaxie Dust) (Blue and green halved horizontally, blue sleeves, yellow cap)
403 (14) 11154-1 COUP DE GENIE (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0 ... C Asmussen 98
(b f Mr Prospector - Coup De Folie) (Dark blue, light blue cross belts, striped sleeves, white cap)
404 (5) 112- DANCE TO THE TOP (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 90
(b f Sadler's Wells - Aim For The Top) (Red, white sash, blue cap)
405 (13) 01112-5 FAIRY HEIGHTS (C,D,BF) (F Golding) N Callaghan 9-0 ... W Ryan 97
(b f Fairy King - Commanche Belle) (Yellow, blue triple diamond, halved sleeves, diamond on cap)
406 (15) 011112- IRISH FOREVER (D) (Colts Ltd) W Boniface (USA) 9-0 ... A Munro —
(ch f Irish River - Vienda) (Orange, purple diamonds, orange cap)
407 (2) 323-1 LADY FAIRFAX (D) (B Gover) R Boss 9-0 ... M Roberts 84
(b f Sharrood - Rathvindon) (Black and white diamonds, diabolo on sleeves)
408 (1) 22- LAS MENINAS (R Sangster) T Stack (Ire) 9-0 ... J Reid 96
(b f Glenstal - Spanish Habit) (Green, blue sleeves, white cap, green spots)
409 (6) 4133-1 MEHTHAAF (C) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 98
(b f Nureyev - Elle Seule) (Blue, white epaulets, striped cap)
410 (4) 10- MYTILENE (Hesmonds Stud) J Gosden 9-0 ... J Carroll 84
(b f Soviet Star - Dancing Meg) (Blue and green halved horizontally, blue sleeves, yellow cap)
411 (12) 15511-2 PROPHECY (C) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 96
(b f Warning - Andaleeb) (Green, pink sash and cap, white sleeves)
412 (16) 51301-2 RANDONNEUR (T Scothern) E Weymes 9-0 ... G Hind 84
(ch f Red Sunset - Kentucky Wildcat) (White, brown braces, amber cap)
413 (11) 322-4 RED RITA (T Brady) P Kelleway 9-0 ... D Harrison 85
(ch f Kefaah - Katie Roche) (Green and blue halved, sleeves reversed, green and blue striped cap)
414 (8) 4141- RELATIVELY SPECIAL (C) (Helena Springfield Ltd) L Cumani 9-0 ... R Cochrane 91
(b f Alzao - Someone Special) (Black, white spots, black sleeves, white cap)
415 (10) 10234-0 ROHITA (B Taylor) M Channon 9-0 ... K Darley 85
(ch f Waajib - Ruby River) (Blue, white hoop, light blue sleeves, blue and white quartered cap)
416 (3) 42140-2 THREATENING (D) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 9-0 ... D Biggs 85
(br f Warning - Pato) (Green, green and yellow quartered cap)
417 (7) 14114-4 VELVET MOON (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 96
(b f Shaadi - Park Special) (Dark green)

BETTING: 2-1 Mehthaaf, 5-1 Bulaxie, Coup De Genie, 7-1 Prophecy, 12-1 Relatively Special, 14-1 Balanchine, Fairy Heights, 16-1 Las Meninas, 25-1 Dance To The Top, 33-1 Mytilene, Velvet Moon, 50-1 Irish Forever, Lady Fairfax, 66-1 Threatening, 100-1 Randonneur, Red Rita, Rohita.

1993: SAYYEDATI 9-0 W R Swinburn (4-1) C Brittain 12 ran

BALANCHINE
Sep 17 1993, Newbury, good to soft: (8-10) beat Lala Musa (8-8) 7l (7f, cond, £6,963, 4 ran).
Sep 2 1993, Salisbury, good to firm: (8-11) beat Devotee (8-11) 3l (7f, mdn, £5,020, 15 ran).

BULAXIE
Apr 15, Newbury, good to soft: (9-0) beat Pen Point (9-0) 2l with Velvet Moon (9-0) 5l 4th (7f 64yd, gp III, £20,400, 7 ran).
Oct 2 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: (8-8) beat Lady Fairfax (8-8) 2l (7f, list, £7,995, 6 ran).
Aug 6 1993, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-9) neck and short-head 3rd to Hawker Hunter (9-0) (7f, mdn, £3,980, 16 ran).

COUP DE GENIE
Apr 5, Maisons-Laffitte, heavy: (9-2) beat Hasili 2l (7f, list, £13,730, 6 ran).
Nov 6 1993, Santa Anita, firm: (8-7) 3¾l 4th to Phone Chatter (8-7) (1m, gd I, £344,371, 8 ran).
Oct 3 1993, Longchamp, heavy: see Mehthaaf.

DANCE TO THE TOP
Sep 25 1993, Ascot, good to soft: see Fairy Heights.
Sep 3 1993, Kempton, good: (8-10) beat Diamond Park (8-8) ¾l (7f, cond, £4,346, 7 ran).
10 Aug 1993, Yarmouth, good to firm: (8-10) beat Averti (9-0) ½l with Threatening (9-0) 3½l 4th (7f, cond, £4,308, 7 ran).

FAIRY HEIGHTS
Apr 12, Newmarket, good: see Mehthaaf.
Oct 23 1993, Doncaster, good: (8-9) 1l 2nd to King's Theatre (9-00) (1m, gp I, £87,779, 9 ran).
Sep 25 1993, Ascot, good to soft: (8-10) beat Dance To The Top (8-10) 1½l, with Relatively Special (8-10) 1l 4th and Mytilene (8-10) 1l 7th (1m, gp I, £93,420, 11 ran).

IRISH FOREVER
Nov 27 1993, Hollywood Park, firm: (8-9) 1½l 2nd to Tricky Code (8-4) (1m, list, £92,905, 6 ran).
Oct 15 1993, Laurel, yielding: (8-7) beat Tee Kay (8-7) 5l (1m 110yd, gp III, £59,068, 8 ran).
Sep 24 1993, Meadowlands, yielding: (8-8) beat Avie's Fancy (8-5) 2l (1m, list, £16,216, 9 ran).

LADY FAIRFAX
Apr 2, Kempton, good to soft: (8-8) beat Threatening (8-8) head (1m, list, £10,844, 12 ran).
Oct 14 1993, Redcar, soft: (8-11) 1l and short head 3rd to Baby Loves (7f, mdn, £11,326, 8 ran).
Oct 2 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: see Bulaxie.

LAS MENINAS
Aug 8 1993, Leopardstown, good. (8-11) ½l 2nd to Turtle Island (9-0) (6f, gp I, £87,000, 9 ran).
Jun 8 1993, Leopardstown, good to firm: (8-10) beat Danish (8-10) 1l (6f, list, £8,627, 9 ran).

MEHTHAAF
Apr 12, Newmarket, good: (8-9) beat Prophecy (9-0) 5l with Red Rita (8-9) two heads 4th, Fairy Heights (9-0) neck 5th and Rohita (8-9) 2½l 7th (7f, gp III, £20,580, 11 ran).
Oct 3 1993, Longchamp, heavy: (8-11) 1l 3rd to Sierra Madre (8-11), with Coup De Genie (8-11) 1l 5th (1m, gp I, £95,579, 8 ran).
Aug 19 1993, York, good: see Velvet Moon.

MYTILENE
Sep 25 1993, Ascot, good to soft: see Fairy Heights.
Sep 7 1993, Leicester, good to firm: (8-9) beat Rory (9-0) 2½l (7f, mdn, £4,050, 20 ran).

PROPHECY
Apr 12, Newmarket, good: see Mehthaaf.
Sep 29 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: (8-11) beat Risky (8-11) ½l with Rohita (8-11) 5½l 4th (7f, gp I, £73,123, 6 ran).
Sep 2 1993, Salisbury, good to firm: (8-11) beat Blue Siren (8-13) ¾l (6f, cond, £6,277, 5 ran).

RANDONNEUR
Apr 16, Thirsk, good: (8-11) head 2nd to Just Happy (8-11) (1m, cond, £10,292, 5 ran).
Oct 27 1993, Yarmouth, good to soft: (8-13) beat Ingozi (8-11) by ½l (6f, cond, £5,049, 4 ran).
Oct 23 1993, Doncaster, good: (8-4) 19l 7th to Ultimo Imperatore (8-12) (6f, listed race, £8,358).

RED RITA
Apr 12, Newmarket, good: see Mehthaaf.
Jul 24 1993, Ascot, good. (8-8) ¾l 2nd to A Smooth One (8-8) with Prophecy (8-8) two necks 5th (6f, gp III, £22,464, 7 ran).
Jul 6, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-9) 1½l 2nd to Lemon Souffle (8-9) with Rohita (8-9) ¾l 3rd (6f, gp III, £15,845, 8 ran).

RELATIVELY SPECIAL
Oct 15 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: (8-8) beat Ballard Ring (8-8) 5l, with Threatening (8-8) 1¼l 4th (7f, gp III, £16,425, 9 ran).
Sep 25 1993, Ascot, good to soft: see Fairy Heights.
Sep 4 1993, Kempton, good: (8-11) beat Redress (8-11) 2l (6f, mdn, £4,485, 14 ran).

ROHITA
Apr 12 Newmarket, good: see Mehthaaf.
Sep 29 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: see Prophecy.
Jul 8 1993, Newmarket, good to firm: see Red Rita.

THREATENING
Apr 2, Kempton, good to soft: see Lady Fairfax.
Oct 23 1993, Newbury, good to soft: (8-11) 19l 10th to Bearall (8-8) (7f 64yd, list, £9,260, 11 ran).
Oct 15 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: see Relatively Special.
Aug 10 1993, Yarmouth, good to firm: see Dance To The Top.

VELVET MOON
Apr 15, Newbury, good to soft: see Bulaxie.
Sep 29 1993, Newmarket, good to soft: (8-9) 2l 4th to Fumo Di Londra (7f, cond, £26,797, 30 ran)
Aug 19 1993, York, good: (8-11) beat Risky 2½l with Mehthaaf (8-11) ½l 3rd and Prophecy (8-11) 2l 5th (6f, gp II, £38,519, 9 ran).

Selection: MEHTHAAF

THUNDERER
2.00 Stremizi
2.30 Arzina
3.00 News And Echo
3.40 PROPHECY (nap)
4.15 Margaret's Gift
4.50 Party Season
5.20 Brentwood

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Stremizi. 3.40 Fairy Heights. 4.50 DOVER STRAITS (nap).

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.00 MADAGANS LEGAL SERVICES CONDITIONS STAKES

(3-Y-O: £5,163: 7f) (9 runners)

101 (5) 113- AVERTI 243 (F,G) (D Deer) W Muir 9-6 ... T Quinn 98
102 (4) 2146-21 BLURRED IMAGE 25 (D,F,S) (N Ahmad) R Hannon 9-4 ... Pat Eddery 90
103 (1) 15- CRAZY PAVING 317 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-2 ... K Darley 89
104 (7) 1- DELTA ONE 240 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-2 ... J Reid 72
105 (8) 1 STREMIZI 27 (F) (Scuderia Rencati Srl) L Cumani 9-2 ... J Weaver —
106 (2) 1- FINGER OF LIGHT 208 (C,S) (Snailwell Stud Co) M Stoute 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 90
107 (6) 2143- MISS KRISTIN 228 (D,G) (N Alkali) W Jarvis 8-11 ... L Dettori 99
108 (3) 00- CZARNA 194 (Ovidstown Investments Ltd) C Brittain 8-9 ... M Roberts 93
109 (9) OLD HICKORY (Sultan Mohammed) L Cumani 8-9 ... R Cochrane —

BETTING: 3-1 Averti, 9-2 Finger Of Light, 11-2 Stremizi, 6-1 Blurred Image, Delta One, Miss Kristin, 7-1 Crazy Paving, 8-1 Old Hickory, 25-1 Czarna.

1993: FIRM PLEDGE 9-0 A Munro (11-8 fav) P Cole 6 ran

2.30 DUBAI RACING CLUB HANDICAP (C4)

(3-Y-O: £6,732: 7f) (19 runners)

201 (18) 5133- MONIS 218 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) T Thomson Jones 9-7 ... R Hills 80
202 (15) 660242- TAKADOU 184 (F) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 9-2 ... K Darley 91
203 (9) 31331-3 BALLAH SHACK 21 (D,F) (A Al Khalifa) G Lewis 9-1 ... Pat Eddery 97
204 (7) 10420- NSX 264 (G) (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) Miss G Kelleway 9-0 ... A Munro 86
205 (19) 16210- BALANDRA BAY 187 (G,S) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 9-0 ... L Dettori 86
206 (10) 663- FAAL MARIO 188 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 87
207 (2) 30143- GREATEST 148 (D,F) (Ivorshire Ltd) R Armstrong 8-7 ... R Price 89
208 (8) 02-1 MAKHRAJ 17 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-5 ... W Carson 90
209 (11) 23243- PADNIC 184 (P Riccardi) L Cumani 8-3 ... J Weaver 94
210 (13) 41-5 GREEN GOLIGHTLY 14 (S) (R Greed) M Jarvis 8-3 ... J Carroll 88
211 (12) 263-0 IRREPRESSIBLE 34 (D Cauth) R Hannon 8-2 ... M Roberts 97
212 (14) 301260- NAKITA 173 (F) (Theobalds Stud) B Meehan 8-1 ... B Doyle (3) 84
213 (16) 01305-0 THE MULTIYORKER 16 (D,F) (Multiyork Ltd) M Tompkins 8-1 ... P Robinson 90
214 (3) 035- SAGASAN 205 (D Deer) W Muir 7-13 ... Kim McDonnell 85
215 (1) 160-110 PERSIAN AFFAIR 44 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Rowland-Clark) M Bell 7-13 ... D Biggs 89
216 (4) 06-0 IMPERIAL TREATMENT 14 (R Barnett) H Candy 7-13 ... S Dawson 93
217 (5) 14-2264 WORLD TRAVELLER 58 (D,G) (N Yong) W O'Gorman 7-13 ... D Harrison 98
218 (6) 010- ARZINA 194 (S) (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 7-9 ... D Wright (5) 93
219 (17) 00216-2 SOUTH EASTERN FRED 17 (D,G) H Collingridge 7-7 ... C Hawksley (5) 79

Long handicap: South Eastern Fred 6-7.

BETTING: 6-1 Faal Mario, 7-1 Ballah Shack, Makhraj, 8-1 Takadou, 10-1 Balandra Bay, Green Golightly, 12-1 Greatest, Monis, Nsx, Padnic, 14-1 Sagasan, 16-1 others.

1993: EASY ACCESS 9-7 M Kinane (10-1) R Hannon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

TAKADOU 6l 2nd to In Like Flynn in conditions race at Redcar (7f, good to soft). BALLAH SHACK 6¾l 3rd to Cottar Chief in conditions race at Brighton (7f, good to soft). BALANDRA BAY beat Selhurstpark Flyer neck in conditions race at Chester (6f, soft), with BALLAH SHACK (3lb worse off) 1½l 3rd. FAAL MARIO 6¾l 3rd to Golden Nashwan in a maiden at Doncaster (7f, good). MAKHRAJ beat Mint A Million ¾l in maiden at Folkestone (7f, heavy). IRREPRESSIBLE 11l 8th to Danish Heights in maiden at Doncaster (7f, good).
Selection: BALLAH SHACK

3.00 MADAGANS PRETTY POLLY STAKES (C4)

(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £12,792: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

301 (3) 1230-3 NEWS AND ECHO 12 (S) (F Kalla) P Kelleway 8-13 ... R Cochrane 95
302 (7) 0- CLASSY 195 (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-8 ... M Hills —
303 (5) 62261-3 CRAZY FOR YOU 26 (V,C,G) (Mrs F Vigors) M Channon 8-8 ... Pat Eddery 99
304 (4) 36-8 EARTH CHARTER 15 (W Gredley) J Shaw 8-8 ... M Roberts 83
305 (1) 4- MUNNAYA 180 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-8 ... W R Swinburn 86
306 (6) 3330-1 OMNIA 21 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 8-8 ... T Quinn 93
307 (2) 013-0 PURSUIT OF GLORY 28 (G) (B Leigh) C Cyzer 8-8 ... J Weaver 94
308 (8) 3- WIJDAN 196 (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-8 ... W Carson 91
309 (9) 20- WIND IN HER HAIR 211 (Mrs W Tulloch) J Hills 8-8 ... R Hills 98

BETTING: 4-1 Wijdan, 9-2 Omnia, 5-1 Crazy For You, Munnaya, 11-2 Wind In Her Hair, 8-1 Classy, News And Echo, 10-1 Pursuit Of Glory, 12-1 Earth Charter.

1993: MAGICAL RETREAT 8-10 D Biggs (20-1) C Cyzer 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEWS AND ECHO 10¾l 3rd of 6 to Broadway Flyer in conditions race at Newbury (1m 3f, good to soft). CRAZY FOR YOU 3¼l 3rd of 12 to Lady Fairfax in listed race at Kempton (1m, good to soft) with PURSUIT OF GLORY (same terms) 18¾l 7th. OMNIA beat Red October 3¼l in 5-runner maiden at Leicester (7f, heavy). WIJDAN 3¼l 3rd of 20 to Wishing in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good to soft). WIND IN HER HAIR short-head 2nd of 11 to Zarna in maiden at Goodwood (7f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: NEWS AND ECHO (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
T Mills	3	13	23.1	Pat Eddery	90	454	19.8
H Cecil	55	277	19.9	W R Swinburn	62	358	17.3
J Gosden	47	262	17.9	W Carson	68	474	14.3
P Chapple-Hyam	14	80	17.5	M Roberts	63	464	13.6
M Stoute	43	250	17.2	L Dettori	55	433	12.9
P Cole	20	121	16.5	M Hills	29	236	12.3

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3.40 MADAGANS 1000 GUINEAS STAKES (C4)

(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £112,705: 1m) (17 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE ABOVE

4.15 EVENING STANDARD HORSEPLAY RATED HANDICAP (C4)

(£10,273: 6f) (16 runners)

501 (11) 212314- CALL ME I'M BLUE 210 (C,D,G,S) (Harsh (Gears)) N Tinkler 4-9-7 ... L Piggott 98
502 (13) 61000-0 REGAL CHIMES 33 (D,F,G) (M Sturgess) B McMahon 5-9-5 ... A Munro 93
503 (6) 60530-1 LORD OLIVIER 12 (D,F,G) (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 4-9-3 ... M Tebbutt 90
504 (3) 1/6445-8 SERIOUS 16 (CD,G) (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 4-9-1 ... W Carson 95
505 (14) 32100-0 MASTER PLANNER 16 (CD,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-9-1 ... J D Smith (7) 95
506 (15) 54004-1 ROGER THE BUTLER 9 (D,S) (M Hewitt) M Bell 4-9-1 (5ex) ... M Hills 90
507 (9) 0/44141- STORITHS 296 (CD,F,G) (Mrs M Irwin) J Watts 4-9-0 ... W R Swinburn 91
508 (16) 04066-0 SUMY 13 (D,G) (B Beale) D Arbuthnot 4-8-11 ... M Roberts —
509 (4) 2230-00 SHEILA'S SECRET 13 (C,G,S) (Sherwoods Transport Ltd) T Mills 4-8-10 ... M Kinane 96
510 (5) 603100- MARGARET'S GIFT 209 (D,G,S) (Mrs T Holdcroft) J Berry 4-8-9 ... T Quinn 92
511 (10) 143-035 SASEEDO 15 (C,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-8-9 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 96
512 (12) 005000- DOMINUET 201 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 8-8-9 ... A Mackay 91
513 (1) 3006-33 GARNOCK VALLEY 25 (D,BF,F,S) (R Aird) J Berry 4-8-8 ... J Carroll 89
514 (7) 10030-0 NAGIDA 13 (D,G,S) (J Toller) J Toller 5-8-7 ... Pat Eddery 92
515 (8) 013124- ALASIB 194 (D,F) (A Foustok) W Jarvis 4-8-7 ... L Dettori 93
516 (2) 606051 VILLAGE GREEN 13 (B,S) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-7 ... B Doyle (3) 95

Long handicap: Village Green 8-0.

BETTING: 5-1 Serious, 6-1 Lord Olivier, 7-1 Roger The Butler, 8-1 Call Me I'm Blue, Storiths, 10-1 Regal Chimes, Village Green, 12-1 Garnock Valley, Master Planner, 14-1 others.

1993: SPLICE 4-8-5 W R Swinburn (4-1) J Fanshawe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALL ME I'M BLUE about ¾l 4th of 10 to My-O-My in listed race here (5f, good). LORD OLIVIER beat Promise Fulfilled 1½l in 6-runner conditions race at Thirsk (6f, good). ROGER THE BUTLER beat Duplicity neck in 4-runner conditions race at Folkestone (6f, heavy). STORITHS beat SHEILA'S SECRET (4lb better off) neck in 12-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm). MARGARET'S GIFT best effort beat MASTER PLANNER (3lb worse off) neck in 17-runner handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). GARNOCK VALLEY 4l 3rd of 10 to Bold Street in handicap at Haydock (6f, soft). VILLAGE GREEN beat El Yasaf short-head in 16-runner handicap at Newbury (5f, good to soft), with SHEILA'S SECRET (12lb better off) 12l 11th, SUMY (13lb better off) 2l 13th and NAGIDA (10lb better off) 7l last.
Selection: STORITHS

4.50 MADAGANS COMPANY SERVICES MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £5,390: 1m) (12 runners)

601 (12) 6 BACKGAMMON 15 (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan 80
602 (9) DEXTER (G Leigh) L Cumani 9-0 ... R Cochrane —
603 (7) 22- DOVER STRAITS 211 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... L Dettori 99
604 (10) EDTESAAD (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-0 ... R Hills —
605 (11) KETTLESTONE (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 ... M J Kinane —
606 (1) LAUBALI (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 ... W Carson —
607 (5) MASAI MAN (G Bizzarri) L Cumani 9-0 ... J Weaver —
608 (6) MOORE HOMES JOHNNY (Gold Acre Stud Farm Ltd) C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle (3) —
609 (8) 024- PARTY SEASON 215 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 ... M Roberts 98
610 (4) SACRAMENT (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0 ... K Darley —
611 (2) 3- SEISMOGRAPH 266 (Godolphin) H Ibrahim (UAE) 9-0 ... Pat Eddery —
612 (3) 24- LOVING LEGACY 219 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... W R Swinburn 86

BETTING: 4-1 Dover Straits, 6-1 Kettlestone, 7-1 Backgammon, Laubali, Party Season, 8-1 Dexter, Sacrament, 10-1 Edtesaad, Seismograph, 12-1 Masai Man, 20-1 Loving Legacy, Moore Homes Johnny.

1993: WAGON MASTER 9-0 R Hills (25-1) A Stewart 20 ran

5.20 P.R.S. PROFESSIONAL REVENUE SERVICES MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O fillies: £5,299: 7f) (11 runners)

1 (1) 02323- BRENTWOOD 180 (Shaikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Hannon 8-11 ... L Piggott 99
2 (10) 02- DELIVER 220 (K Rawlings) B Hills 8-11 ... M Hills 77
3 (4) FOOTLIGHT FANTASY (Helena Springfield Ltd) M Stoute 8-11 ... K Darley —
4 (3) 0 FORTUNES DARLING 13 (M Simmonds) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn 88
5 (7) MISS LAETITIA (T Chadney) N Graham 8-11 ... J Weaver —
6 (5) 4 PILLOW TALK 28 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 ... M Roberts 75
7 (9) ROTTEN ROW (Lord Hartington) L Cumani 8-11 ... C Hodgson (3) —
8 (11) SOLAR BEAM (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11 ... Pat Eddery —
9 (2) 6- STORM NYMPH 243 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 76
10 (6) 4-2 TAKREEM 15 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 ... W Carson 96
11 (8) VOLKOVA (M Stoute) M Stoute 8-11 ... W Ryan —

BETTING: 3-1 Solar Beam, 4-1 Takreem, 6-1 Brentwood, 7-1 Deliver, Volkova, 8-1 Footlight Fantasy, 12-1 Fortunes Darling, Pillow Talk, Rotten Row, 20-1 Miss Laetitia, Storm Nymph.

1993: KHUBZA 8-11 A McGlone (16-1) H Cecil 11 ran

Compensation for Weld

FORTUNE And Fame underlined how unlucky he was to have missed the Champion Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival when comfortably winning the two-mile Downshire Hurdle at Punchestown yesterday (Our Irish racing correspondent writes).

The Michael Smurfit-owned gelding has missed the championship for the last two years and his trainer, Dermot Weld, said yesterday: "He should have won the last two Champion Hurdles. He's better than Granville Again and Flakey Dove, but unfortunately if there is anything going around he'll pick it up. Hopefully he'll win it next year."

The English-trained pair Dancing Paddy (third) and Royal Derbi (fifth) had no answer to Fortune And Fame and Weld will now enter his horse for the Melbourne Cup, along with last year's winner, Vintage Crop.

Merry Gale looked a Cheltenham Gold Cup prospect when defying top weight in the £60,000 Heineken Gold Cup. Merry Gale made virtually all the running under Kevin O'Brien to beat the outsider Tawny Flame.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Munnaya looks one to follow

NEWMARKET
C4

2.30: Faal Mario has as good a chance as any in a race littered with possibilities. He looks fairly handicapped on the balance of his three outings, among them a staying-on third behind Golden Nashwan at Doncaster in October. The closely-matched pair of Ballah Shack and Balandra Bay both look a little high in the handicap. Makhraj should play a part if taking to this faster ground. Market support for either Green Golightly or Arzina would be worth noting.

3.00: Crazy For You is the form filly here. She is fully exposed, however, and **Munnaya** looks capable of improving past her. An impeccably-bred daughter of Nijinsky, Munnaya's sole outing last season saw her finish an encouraging fourth in Crazy For You's maiden victory at this track. She can justify her expensive pedigree and complete a double for Michael Stoute. Wijdan, a half-sister to Nashwan by Mr Prospector, shaped like a future winner on her debut.

3.40: See above.

4.15: While many of these will be sharper for the outing, **Margaret's Gift** should be well galloped and can reward a small interest. Her form tailed off after a Goodwood victory on lively ground, but she had no trouble winning on her seasonal debut last year. She can take advantage of her rivals' lack of seasoning. Alasib, who improved throughout last year, would be the selection with a run under his belt. A prominent show can be expected of Serious, while Roger The Butler may prefer softer ground.

JULIAN MUSCAT

14-1 winner

Julian Muscat gave Face North (14-1) and Safety In Numbers (7-2) in his Ascot television guide yesterday.

THUNDERER
2.20 Aegaen Lady. 2.50 Blues Bay. 3.20 Vanborough Lad. 3.55 Montone. 4.30 Al Corniche. 5.00 Tanoda.

GOING: SOFT DRAW 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 EAGLESHAM LIMITED STAKES

(£3,005: 1m 1f 36yd) (16 runners)

1 03-0 ADMISSION 12 N Chamberlain 4-8-11 ... S Webster 11
2 442- COUREUR 184 (F) J Balbell 5-8-11 ... G Duffield 9
3 0-60 INFANTRY GLEN 44 (V,G) G Oldroyd 4-8-11 ... L Charnock 5
4 00-0 JOSEPH'S WINE 5 (B,F,G) D Nicholls 5-8-11 ... Alex Greaves 13
5 00-2 MEDIA MESSENGER 82 (CD,S) Denys Smith 5-8-11 ... K Fallon 3
6 0020 NORTHERN CONQUEROR 10 (D,F,G) T Naughton 6-8-11 ... V Halliday (7) 6
7 030/ SCARABEN 3J S Kettlewell 6-8-11 ... J Fortune 14
8 00-0 SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 6 (F,G) W Bentley 7-8-11 ... R Lappin 4
9 40/0 THOMAS LENG 5 (G,S) M Brittain 9-8-11 ... J Lowe 7
10 036- WOLLBOLL 89J P Makin 4-8-11 ... Dean McKeown 12
11 16-5 AEGAEN LADY 21 (CD,G,S) J Etherington 5-8-8 ... M Birch 10
12 0004 BILBERRY 22 (G) S Coathup 5-8-6 ... Dale Gibson 16
13 -000 DANCES WITH GOLD 65 P Evans 4-8-6 ... S Maloney (3) 1
14 50-5 KISS IN THE DARK 40J (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-6 ... J Fanning 2
15 0/00 LADY KHADIJA 8 G Kelly 8-8-6 ... S Wood 15
16 00-0 SLUMBER THYME 28 (B,G) R Spicer 5-8-6 ... R Havlin (7) 8

3-1 Kiss In The Dark, 4-1 Aegaen Lady, 5-1 Media Messenger, 7-1 Northern Conqueror, 8-1 Coureur, 10-1 Infantry Glen, Wollboll, 12-1 others.

2.50 BELLSHILL CLAIMING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,489: 1m 65yd) (9)

1 030- SPRING LOADED 184 (S) Mrs M Reveley 9-1 ... J Fortune 3
2 5 BLUES BAY 20 M Bell 8-4 ... M Fenton (3) 8
3 2034 ANOTHERONEFORJAYBE 12 P Evans 8-3 ... S Maloney (3) 4
4 50-8 SINBAD 10 J Watts 8-3 ... G Duffield 2
5 60-0 THUNDERBIRD TWO 10 (B) Denys Smith 8-3 ... K Fallon 5
6 0662 STORM HEIGHTS 7 M Brittain 8-2 ... J Lowe 7
7 000- BROWLEA LYNDENE 237 D Moffatt 8-0 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 9
8 0-00 GRECIAN GARDEN 28 (F) R Spicer 8-0 ... S Wood 6
9 0-00 MONKEY WENCH 10 J Berry 8-0 ... L Charnock 1

5-2 Spring Loaded, 4-1 Monkey Wench, Storm Heights, 5-1 Sinbad, 6-1 others.

3.20 DRUMLOCH HANDICAP

(£3,980: 1m 65yd) (14)

1 530- PRINCESS MAXINE 89J (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-10 ... Dale Gibson 9
2 6-40 ACROSS THE BAY 12 (F,G,S) T Barron 7-9-10 ... J Fortune 13
3 0-00 WHITE CREEK 6 (V,CD,G,S) J Berry 4-9-8 ... P Roberts (7) 4
4 31-2 BENEFICIARY 15 (C,F,G,S) M H Easterby 3-9-5 ... M Birch 7
5 520- VANBOROUGH LAD 220 (G,S) M Bolton 5-9-4 ... G Duffield 8
6 10-1 NORMAN WARRIOR 15 (B,D,S) D Morris 5-9-3 ... D R McCabe (5) 11
7 0055 PREMIER STAR 6 (B) M Dods 4-9-3 ... J Fanning 12
8 -335 PUBLIC WAY 12 (D,G,S) N Chamberlain 4-9-1 ... M Fenton (3) 5
9 -501 DEPUTY TIM 28 (CD,F,G,S) R Bastiman 11-8-10 ... Dean McKeown 2
10 0001 SHOTLEY AGAIN 8 (G,S) N Bycroft 4-8-9 (6ex) ... L Charnock 6
11 0-03 THE DANDY DON 10 Denys Smith 5-8-8 ... K Fallon 10
12 -004 BUZZ-B-BABE 15 (V) B Ellison 4-8-7 ... S Maloney (3) 14
13 00-0 GOLD DESIRE 24 (D,S) M Brittain 4-8-2 ... J Lowe 3
14 4-00 RED KITE 31 (B,CD,S) R Spicer 5-7-13 ... J O'Reilly 1

3-1 Deputy Tim, 7-2 Beneficiary, Norman Warrior, 4-1 Stooley Again, 7-1 Princess Maxine, 8-1 Premier Star, The Dandy Don, White Creek, 10-1 others.

3.55 MOTHERWELL HANDICAP

(£4,435: 6f 5yd) (11)

1 -012 NORDIC BRAVE 3 (D,F,G,S) M Brittain 8-9-13 (7ex) ... J Lowe 7
2 06-0 TWO MOVES IN FRONT 28 (B,C,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-10 ... S D Williams 4
3 5-05 MISS WHITTINGHAM 26 (CD,F,G,S) D Moffatt 4-9-8 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 6
4 00-4 DIET 10 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-9-7 ... J Marshall (5) 8
5 0/03 SUPER SEVE 3 (G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-3 ... G Duffield 5
6 20-2 MU-ARRIK 6 (V,D,F) G Oldroyd 6-8-12 ... S Webster 3
7 656- BIRCHWOOD SUN 206 (B,D,F,G,S) M Dods 4-8-11 ... J Fortune 2
8 -448 CRAIGIE BOY 12 (B,CD,G) N Bycroft 4-8-7 ... S Maloney (3) 9
9 0-21 MONTONE 6 (CD,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-4 (7ex) ... K Fallon 11
10 0420 BECKYHANNAH 8 (B,D,BF,S) R Bastiman 4-8-3 ... Dean McKeown 1
11 0-34 FRANCIS ANN 6 (V,CD,S) Miss L Perratt 6-8-3 ... R Havlin (7) 10

2-1 Montone, 4-1 Nordic Brave, 5-1 Mu-Arrik, Super Seve, 6-1 Diet, 8-1 Two Moves In Front, 10-1 others.

4.30 COATBRIDGE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,534: 5f 4yd) (6)

1 0 KHAN 14 C Thornton 8-10 ... J Fanning 2
2 0 GOSPEL SONG 15 W Kemp 8-6 ... J Lowe 5
3 MUSICAL SEASON T Barron 8-6 ... J Fortune 4
4 3 RAMBO WALTZER 10 S Norton 8-6 ... J Tate (5) 3
5 3 AL CORNICHE 5 M Channon 8-5 ... G Duffield 6
6 CLAN SCOTIA J Berry 8-5 ... S D Williams 1

6-4 Al Corniche, 2-1 Rambo Waltzer, 3-1 Clan Scotia, 8-1 Musical Season, 14-1 Khan, 20-1 Gospel Song.

5.00 EAST KILBRIDE HANDICAP

(£3,818: 1m 5f 9yd) (7)

1 22-0 VAIGLY SUNTHYME 35 J Carr 4-9-10 ... S Morris 5
2 5-60 FOLLINGWORTH GIRL 9 (F,S) S Norton 4-9-7 ... J Tate (5) 7
3 3-5F CUTTHROAT KID 40 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-2 ... J Fortune 2
4 01-2 BAY TERN 7J (S) T Dyer 8-8-10 ... K Fallon 3
5 443- NATIVE CROWN 272 Mrs S Bradburne 6-8-3 ... D R McCabe (5) 4
6 0-52 TANODA 8 (F,G,S) M Brittain 8-8-3 ... J Lowe 1
7 -000 VICTOR ROMEO 62 (V,F) R Spicer 5-7-7 ... J O'Reilly 6

3-1 Bay Tern, Cutthroat Kid, 4-1 Tanoda, 6-1 Vaigly Sunthyme, 7-1 Follingworth Girl, 8-1 Native Crown, 16-1 Victor Romeo.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Makin, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%, M Bell, 12 from 32, 37.5%; J Etherington, 5 from 20, 25.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 25 from 103, 24.3%, J Berry, 50 from 232, 21.6%, S Kettlewell, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: R Havlin, 7 winners from 34 rides, 20.6%; Dean McKeown, 25 from 157, 15.9%, G Duffield, 16 from 106, 15.1%, J Fanning, 17 from 142, 12.0%; Darren Moffatt, 5 from 45, 11.1%, J Lowe, 20 from 196, 10.2%.

Ascot

Going: good to soft (good last 2f)

2.00 (1m) 1, Zafaaf (W R Swinburn, 5-4 fav); 2, Sovinista (33-1); 3, Clovis Point (9-1). 9 ran. Nk, 2¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £16.40, £2.10. DF: £107.20. CSF: £34.28.

2.30 (2m 45yd) 1, Safety In Numbers (K Darley, 7-2); 2, Cairo Prince (100-30 fav); 3, Arcadian Heights (20-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 1½l. Lady Herries. Tote: £5.20; £1.80, £1.80, £4.40. DF: £7.40. Trio: £189.30. CSF: £15.08.

3.05 (1m) 1, Dahyah (W R Swinburn, 5-1 fav); 2, Kingchip Boy (16-1); 3, Beauman (14-1); 4, Buddy's Friend (12-1). 19 ran. NR: Mo-Addab. 1½l, 1½l. M Stoute. Tote: £5.60; £1.90, £5.00, £3.30, £4.50. DF: £61.10. Trio: £968.70. CSF: £75.97. Tricast: £961.22.

3.40 (7f) 1, Face North (A Munro, 14-1); 2, No Extras (16-1); 3, Duckey Fuzz (14-1); 4, Gymcrak Premiere (25-1). Our Rita 5-1 fav. 25 ran. NR: Big Sky. 1¾l, 2l. R Akehurst. Tote: £29.90; £4.70, £3.30, £4.10, £6.90. DF: £435.40. Trio: £2632.40. CSF: £226.27. Tricast: £2,937.04.

4.10 (5f) 1, Princely Hush (M Hills, 4-1); 2, Limerick Belle (9-4); 3, Statom (6-5 fav). 6 ran. 4l, hd. M Bell. Tote: £5.60; £2.10, £1.70. DF: £10.10. CSF: £12.45.

4.40 (1m 4f) 1, Virkon Venture (S Mulvey, 11-2); 2, El Volador (10-1); 3, Seasonal Splendour (6-1). Statajack 4-1 fav. 11 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £8.50; £3.10, £3.30, £2.60. DF: £32.50. Trio: £175.10. CSF: £55.58. Tricast: £315.15.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £8,434.52 carried forward to Newmarket today).
Placepot: £2,202.40.

Kelso

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.10 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Son of Iris (P Niven, 9-2); 2, Briar's Delight (8-1); 3, London Hill (13-2). Strong Flame 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, 15l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.00; £1.30, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £14.70. Trio: £77.00. CSF: £35.09. Tricast: £208.61.

2.40 (2m 1f ch) 1, Beaucadeau (A Dobbin, 4-6 fav); 2, Grazember (2-1); 3, Old Mortality (25-1). 6 ran. 1¾l, 15l. M Barnes. Tote: £1.90; £1.60, £1.30. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.35.

3.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Brownside Brig (P Niven, 11-4 fav); 2, Wee Wizard (8-1); 3, Family Line (100-30). 7 ran. 3l, ½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £2.60. DF: £22.70. CSF: £21.67.

3.40 (3m 1f) 1, Kushbaloo (B Storey, 9-2); 2, Blufi Knoll (6-1); 3, Pink Gin (100-30 jt-fav). Armagret 100-30 jt-fav. 11 ran. NR: Paddy Morrissey. 6l, 1l. C Parker. Tote: £6.90; £1.90, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £12.00. Trio: £18.80. CSF: £27.92. Tricast: £89.29.

4.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, Royal Jester (Mr C Storey, 11-2); 2, Generals Boy (4-7 fav); 3, Four Trix (8-1). 7 ran. NR: Press For Action. 5l, 12l. Mrs J Storey. Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £1.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £8.96.

4.45 (3m 3f) 1, Majority Major (Mr J Greenall, 11-4); 2, Cocus Lane (11-4); 3, Portona (7-4 fav). 7 ran. 2½l, 4l. P Cheesbrough. Tote: £4.20; £2.20, £2.00. DF: £3.50. CSF: £9.99.

Placepot: £24.70.

Exeter

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Muskora (C Cunlan, 2-1 fav); 2, Early Drinker (9-1); 3, Deviosity (11-1); 4, Mariners Cove (10-1). 18 ran. 1¾l, 8l. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.70, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £21.70. Trio: £27.60. CSF: £23.72. Tricast: £175.44.

2.50 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Myrtilla (L Harvey, 10-1); 2, Crazy Daisy (9-4); 3, Rosemoss (5-1). Forest Pride 2-1 fav. 18 ran. NR: Cindercombe. 3½l, 2l. A Turnell. Tote: £18.50; £3.00, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £37.60. CSF: £33.12.

3.20 (2m 7f 110yd ch) 1, Ghofar (P Holley, 5-1); 2, Doonloughan (9-4 fav); 3, Ocean Link (5-1). 9 ran. 4l, nk. D Elsworth. Tote: £5.40; £2.00, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £5.10. Trio: £32.20. CSF: £16.65. Tricast: £65.37.

3.50 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Sophism (J Lower, 13-8 fav); 2, Tulyknye Bells (8-1); 3, Koa (3-1). 15 ran. NR: Rip The Calico. 6l, sh hd. M Pipe. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £3.00, £2.00. DF: £16.30. CSF: £16.05.

4.20 (2m 2f ch) 1, Mulbank (Peter Hobbs, 4-5 fav); 2, Jailbreaker (3-1); 3, Starlap (9-1). 4 ran. 3l, 15l. P Hobbs. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.70.

4.50 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Ballyasate (G Upton, 11-2); 2, Faux Pavilion (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Elegant King (11-4 jt-fav). King William 11-4 jt-fav. 6 ran. 1½l, ½l. C James. Tote: £5.90; £2.00, £3.00. DF: £14.50. CSF: £19.74.

Placepot: £45.60.

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm - good in places

5.25 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Gratuity (N Mann, 50-1); 2, Blast Freeze (7-2 fav); 3, So Audacious (11-2). 12 ran. NR: General Shot. 6l, 5l. C Barwell. Tote: £126.20; £15.30, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £125.00. Trio: £280.50. CSF: £203.98. Tricast: £1,046.49.

6.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Squire Jim (J Osborne, 5-2 fav); 2, Titus Andronicus (7-1); 3, Binkley (10-1). 10 ran. 2½l, 8l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £2.00, £2.40. DF: £10.80. Trio: £48.30. CSF: £16.55. Tricast: £133.46.

Huntingdon

Going: good to firm (firm patches)

5.15 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Water Diviner (Pat Thompson, 33-1); 2, Bozo Bailey (12-1); 3, Swan Walk (8-1); 4, Sultan's Son (6-1 fav). 18 ran. NR: Hello Sam. 3½l, ¾l. K Wingrove. Tote: £113.00; £12.80, £2.80, £3.00. DF: £487.10. Trio: £238.10. CSF: £360.64. Tricast: £3,149.86.

5.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Ryton Guard (D Leahy, 6-1); 2, Bobby Socks (3-1 fav); 3, Casino Magic (6-1). 9 ran. NR: Cock Sparrow, Peace Officer. 12l, 15l. S Christian. Tote: £8.50, £1.60, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £10.50. Trio: £39.70. CSF: £22.61. Tricast: £101.31.

Tuesday's late results

Ascot

Going: good

5.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Barna Boy (R Dunwoody, 6-4 fav). 2, The Reverend Bert (100-1); 3, Golden Spinner (8-1). 14 ran. 6l, 8l. N Henderson. Tote: £2.50, £1.40, £9.10, £2.30. DF: £58.50. CSF: £103.69.

6.00 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Real Progress (R Dunwoody, 11-2); 2, Spinning Steel (15-2); 3, Newlands-General (15-8 fav). 7 ran. NR: Hidden Pleasure, Whyfor. 8l, 3½l. P Hobbs. Tote: £5.50, £2.40, £3.00. DF: £17.50. CSF: £36.18.

6.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Dark Den (T Kent, 6-5 fav); 2, Winter Forest (2-1); 3, Erekale (4-1). 4 ran. 5l, 6l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £2.00. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.70.

7.05 (2m ch) 1, Deep Sensation (D Murphy, 3-1); 2, Spree Cross (7-2); 3, Uncle Ernie (7-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Mr Felix, Setter Country. 1¾l, hd. J Gifford. Tote: £3.20; £2.00, £1.90. DF: £8.00. CSF: £12.33. Tricast: £17.23.

7.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Dont Tell The Wife (J Osborne, 7-1); 2, Spikey (6-1); 3, The Pod's Revenge (33-1). Astings 5-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Bollinger. 8l, 30l. Mrs D Haine. Tote: £6.90; £1.80, £2.20, £5.10. DF: £33.70. Trio: £174.00. CSF: £55.57. Tricast: £1,559.37.

8.10 (3m hdle) 1, Happy Horse (A Tory, 100-30); 2, Sea Buck (9-1); 3, Sorbiere (7-4 fav). 8 ran. 1¾l, 8l. Mrs J Renfree-Barons. Tote: £4.00; £1.30, £2.10, £1.50. DF: £14.80. CSF: £29.60. Tricast: £61.39.

Jackpot: £5,461.50. Placepot: £832.10.

World champion into semi-finals amid increasing discomfort

Pain threatens Hendry's title attempt

By Phil Yates

SERIOUS doubts surrounding Stephen Hendry's ability to win the Embassy world snooker championship for the fourth time in five years resurfaced yesterday when he revealed that the pain from his fractured left arm had intensified.

After defying the discomfort by converting a 10-6 overnight lead into a 13-8 quarter-final victory over Nigel Bond, Hendry explained that the injured arm would be put in a sling until his semi-final with Steve Davis or James Wattana begins tonight.

Although the margin of victory over Bond may have been comfortable, Hendry himself certainly was not, particularly during Tuesday evening's middle session, which he described as 'a real struggle'. Hendry, who has a hair-line fracture just below his left elbow, made a midnight appointment with a specialist, Dr David Stanley, when it was confirmed that, by playing, he was putting additional stress on the arm.

Heeding medical advice, Hendry is on a course of anti-inflammatory tablets, and a sling is being employed. It is undoubtedly a major handicap, but not one which Hendry believes is insurmountable.

The Scot, 25, said: "The doctor told me that anyone from Joe Public would have worn a sling immediately after breaking their arm like this. But obviously I had to carry on. These are the biggest two weeks of my year.

"The pain was definitely worse than in my previous match. It's OK when I'm making a cue delivery, but when the cue ball is awkwardly placed, and I've got to bridge over balls, it's very painful."

Hendry, who sustained the fracture by slipping in his hotel bathroom seven days ago, did not practise at all yesterday, despite completing his match with Bond at lunchtime.

The title holder will play for a maximum of only an hour today in an attempt to rest the arm. Undoubtedly the biggest worry for Hendry is the knowledge that the more he plays, the more pain is generated. As the semi-finals are over the best of 31 frames, and the final, the longest match on the snooker calendar, is a marathon 35-frame distance, he could be considerably disadvantaged.

On a more optimstic note, Hendry continued to perform efficiently as he put the finishing touches to his defeat of Bond, compiling breaks of 82, 66, 51, 41, and 43. However, Bond, beaten 13-7 by Hendry at the corresponding stage of last year's world championship, maintains that Hendry, who was particularly prone to errors during the second session, will have to produce more consistency if he is to collect the £180,000 first prize next Monday. "You can see that shots when he has to put pressure on the arm are giving him trouble," Bond said. "Stephen missed a couple of straightforward blacks off the spot when he had to put his fingers across the cushion. He won't go down without a fight, but he's going to have to improve."

Jimmy White, runner-up to Hendry in the last two championships, reached the semi-finals for the ninth time since 1982 with a 13-10 win over Ken Doherty, of Dublin. White has failed to figure in the final of a tournament this season, and it is 17 months since his last world ranking event triumph — the United Kingdom Championship of November 1992.

Not for the first time, he seems to have reserved his best form for the Crucible.

Breaks of 94, 59, and 46 enabled White to monopolise table time in the day's opening three frames as he increased a 9-7 lead to 12-7 before Doherty, who accounted for Alex Higgins and Alan McManus in the previous two rounds, recovered to 12-10.

Any thoughts of a White collapse were then quickly dispelled as he constructed an 83 break to avenge defeats at the hands of Doherty in this season's Skoda Grand Prix and Benson and Hedges Masters.

Steve Davis was on course to provide Hendry's semi-final opposition. Davis, 6-2 up after their first session on James Wattana, of Thailand, established a 9-5 advantage by utilising the percentage game for which he is renowned.

The twelfth frame was of great sigificance. Wattana, 7-4 behind, got the two snookers he needed on the colours and eventually cleared from the brown to force a re-spotted black. This he left in an unmissable position in the jaws of a pocket for Davis to bring up 8-5.

In the other quarter-final John Parrott, the 1991 world champion, fought back from 6-2 down against Darren Morgan to level the scores at 8-8.

QUARTER-FINALS: Results: S Hendry (Scot) bt N Bond (Eng), 13-8; J White (Eng) bt K Doherty (Ire) 13-10. Latest positions: S Davis (Eng) leads J Wattana (Thai) 9-5; J Parrott (Eng) level with D Morgan (Wal) 8-8.

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Hendry, the defending champion, lines up a shot during a painful, but successful, quarter-final against Bond at the Crucible yesterday.

Defensive British fall to Germans

GREAT Britain were beaten for the second time in two days at the world ice hockey championship in Bolzano, Italy yesterday, but the 4-0 loss to Germany was a respectable contrast to Tuesday's humiliating 12-3 defeat by the Russians (Norman de Mesquita writes). It was obvious from the start that the British tactics were those of a damage limitation exercise and the defence had little ambition beyond clearing the puck out of their zone.

Unfortunately, however, this meant that the game was played almost exclusively in Britain's end of the rink and, with the defence showing its age, it was as well that Martin McKay played outstandingly well in the British goal.

So defensive minded were Britain, that it was not until the tenth minute that they tested the German goaltender and they managed only four shots on goal during the first period, which ended with Germany 1-0 ahead. As so often, penalties were Britain's downfall — both Germany's second period goals were scored while Britons sat in the penalty box. The Germans scored once more, in the final period, but the score did not fully indicate their superiority.

Honour for Morrison

RUGBY UNION: England, at least, have adhered to their proposition that the best referees should handle the best players: although the Rugby Football Union do not rank their officials, Ed Morrison's standing in the game has been confirmed by his appointment to the Bledisloe Cup match between Australia, the World Cup holders, and New Zealand in Sydney on August 17. (David Hands writes).

Morrison, from Bristol, will officiate in the Pilkington Cup final between Bath and Leicester on May 7 before taking a break from the game: "It's super to get the Bledisloe Cup match, but the good thing is that it's not until August so it gives me a chance of a rest," he said. Other leading countries, however, are not sending their best referees to the close season's main internationals.

Top pair in two events

ROWING: Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the Olympic and world champions, are the lead crew in a 12-boat British team at the Piediluco regatta in Italy this weekend. Redgrave and Pinsent again established themselves as Britain's fastest pair in trials a fortnight ago and will contest both the coxed and coxless events. Greg and Jonny Searle, the world and Olympic coxed pair champions, did not shine in the trials and start the season as members of the British eight. The new-look coxless four of Bridge, Hunt-Davis, Foster and Obholzer looks promising.

Graf has another stroll

TENNIS: Steffi Graf, of Germany, strolled to a second easy victory in the Citizen Cup in Hamburg yesterday, reaching the quarter-finals with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Linda Ferrando. Ferrando, who beat Monica Seles, the former world No 1 at the 1990 US Open, made no such impression on the near-perfect top seed. Though the holder of 14 grand slam titles had problems with her first service, she quickly dispatched her Italian opponent. "There isn't much to say about the match," Graf said. "I really don't get much satisfaction from a match like that."

Champions split up

ICE SKATING: Marika Humphreys and Justin Lanning, the national dance champions in 1993 and being groomed as Britain's main hope at the world titles contest in Birmingham next March, have dissolved their six-year partnership (Michael Coleman writes). Lanning's father, Kenneth, said yesterday: "The sparkle went out of them after they lost their national title to Torvill and Dean last January and were not picked for the Olympics." Humphreys is having trial runs with a new Russian partner.

Skelton squeezed out

EQUESTRIANISM: Nick Skelton was edged out of the big prizes as Arnaldo Bologni, of Italy, notched a win for the host country in the Rome Grand Prix yesterday. Skelton, on Everest Dollar Girl, was the only Briton to reach the jump-off but finished fourth of the five with a fence down. Bologni, 33, made sure of the £20,000 plus top prize with a clear round in 34.91sec. Britain's Warren Clarke (Benjumin) and John Popely (Blue Bird) had eight faults each in the opening round, while Matthew Lanni had 20.5 faults with Secret Pride.

Lochaber go to court

SHINTY: A dispute between Lochaber Camanachd and the Camanachd Association reached the courts in Edinburgh yesterday when the club applied for an injunction to prevent the first semi-final of the Scottish Shinty championship going ahead on Saturday at Oban. Lochaber failed to fulfil their quarter-final tie against Glenurquhart last week, claiming they could not raise a team. They were then disqualified and Glenurquart went through to meet Kyles Athletic. Lochaber are seeking to have this game postponed until they have put their case for reinstatement.

Hagg misses party

ATHLETICS: Gunder Hagg, whose world record for the mile was shattered when Roger Bannister broke the four-minute barrier, will miss the fortieth anniversary celebration of Bannister's historic run next week. Hagg, 75, was forced to withdraw because of illness. Of the 16 living men who have held the world mile record, only Hagg and Steve Ovett are expected to miss the festivities in Oxford and London. Hagg and fellow Swede, Arne Andersson, dominated European middle distance running in the 1940s.

England hit by loss of top players

By Colin McQuillan

ENGLAND begin the defence of their European team squash championships in Rotterdam today without the services of their two top men, Peter Marshall and Chris Walker, and their second ranked woman, Sue Wright.

The withdrawal of Wright from a women's team which now comprises Suzanne Horner, Cassandra Jackman and Fiona Geaves, is a straightforward matter of a strained knee that needs protecting for more lucrative professional matters in the JSM Supersquash 94 event in Tokyo later in the month.

The absence of Marshall and Walker, semi-finalists in both the British Open earlier this month and the World Open last November, is a more mysterious and potentially costly affair for England.

Andrew Shelley, of the Squash Rackets Association, said last night: "Peter pulled out a couple of days ago saying he was tired and Chris has stomach problems." He denied suggestions of a major row over management decisions.

What was clear was the absence of Marshall, the world No 4 and highest ranked European, and Walker, the world No 7, from an England men's team now officially altered to Tony Hands, Philip Whitlock, Jason Nicolle and Stephen Meads, and the anticipation of at least two opposing squads of some greater success against the now weakened country which has relinquished the European men's title only three times in 20 years.

The team that last deprived the English men was Scotland in 1992, when Peter Nicol, the young Scottish champion who has since risen to eleventh on the world list, rose from obscurity to defeat Jason Nicolle in the deciding rubber of a tumultuous semi-final and then went on to serve Finland similarly in the final. England face Nicol and his compatriots again at 3pm today in qualifying pool A.

Wimbledon aspire to be purists

By Keith Pike

IT HAS gone almost unnoticed, but Wimbledon's transformation from ale-house brawlers to Premiership purists may yet be viewed as one of the most encouraging, and certainly most unlikely, developments of the football season.

Since they barged their way into the Football League 17 years ago Wimbledon have nurtured, and enjoyed, a reputation that would have shamed any of their peers and, while Vinnie Jones is still prepared to launch himself two-footed at opponents, such occasional excesses ensure they will struggle to shake off their tag as the Great Unloved. That horrendous lunge by Jones on Brian McClair, of Manchester United, 12 days ago, revealed that an unnacceptable streak of malice still runs through the side.

Yet when he suggested on Tuesday night that "it is nice to be feared", Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, was thinking along different lines. It is the quality of their football, not the steel in their boots, that presently makes his team one of the most difficult to contain — and most attractive to watch.

Oldham Athletic had just been seen off at Selhurst Park, a 3-0 scoreline doing scant justice to the inventiveness and sheer exuberance of their performance, and if Joe Royle's team, which conceded defeat so readily despite its predicament at the foot of the table, is not the best yardstick to judge Wimbledon by, it should be remembered that Leeds United, Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers have recently gone much the same way.

Six wins and two draws in their last eight games have lifted Wimbledon to sixth in the table, and while a place in the Uefa Cup next season is in all probability beyond them, it is a target that Kinnear believes can be reached in 12 months' time.

"I am not sure we can challenge for the title because we cannot compete with the resources of Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers, but we certainly have the ability to go into Europe," Kinnear said. "On our day, we are capable of beating anybody and, if we qualified, we would frighten the lives out of all of them. Nobody in Europe would look forward to playing us."

Wimbledon versus Real Madrid? It might just happen, but only if Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon owner, is prepared for the second season running to ignore the cheque books being waved under his nose.

The club that in recent seasons has made up for lack of support by selling the likes of Curle and Phelan (£2.5 million each), Wise (£1.5 million) and Thorn (£900,000), again possesses half-a-dozen of the most sought-after players in the country. In today's market, Hammam could expect to pocket more than £10 million if he decided to cash in on the talents of Scales, Fear, Barton, Earle and Holdsworth.

"We have to be realistic and if the right offer came along we would have to accept it, but Sam has fallen in love with this team and does not want to sell," Kinnear said. "If I can keep them, and maybe bring in two more players, what is already a really good side could achieve anything."

Of Wimbledon's assets, Holdsworth is probably the most valuable. Manchester United are known to be keen on the 25-year-old striker whose transfer fee rose with each of the three goals he scored on Tuesday in a devastating 23-minute spell either side of half-time.

Strong, quick and not afraid of either the physical battle or failure to find the target, Holdsworth is happy enough with his lot for now. "As long as I keep scoring goals I don't mind the speculation about me moving to a bigger club," he said. "Obviously, I want to be involved in cup finals and with England, that's everybody's dream, but my immediate ambition is to be top goalscorer at Wimbledon. We will see what happens after that.

"We feel we are a genuine top-six side, and our performances have proved it. We are not the party-poopers any more, we are there on merit."

☐ Gunnar Halle, Oldham's Norway midfield player, will miss their last four matches after cracking a rib. A second-half substitute, he had only just returned to the side after missing the previous 19 games following two operations to repair knee cartilage damage.

Salzburg have little cause for optimism

By Our Sports Staff

THE Uefa Cup appears destined for Italy for the fifth time in six years after Internazionale returned from Austria with a 1-0 lead from the first leg of the final, against Casino Salzburg, on Tuesday night.

Nicola Berti's goal, scored ten minutes before half-time, makes the Milan club — who ended Norwich City's European adventure in December — overwhelming favourites to lift the trophy for the second time in four seasons when the second leg is played on May 11.

Inter held on to their advantage despite having to play most of the second half with only ten men. Alessandro Bianchi being sent off in the 45th minute for his second bookable offence.

He is automatically suspended for the second leg, but Salzburg will also be weakened. They were without three players on Tuesday, all suspended, and will now be deprived of Stadler and Pfeifenberger for the return after they received their second cautions of the tournament.

Giampiero Marini, the Inter coach, was "very happy" with the result. "The players did what they had to do," he said, "although we have to remember that Salzburg are strong even away from home."

Salzburg, though, appear to have conceded that they will not become the first Austrian side to win a European trophy. "We still have a very small chance in Milan, but what the Italians did with only ten players was a fantastic performance, and they will be very tough to beat in Italy," Slavko Kovacic, the assistant coach, said.

Berti's goal, an opportunist strike while surrounded by defenders, was the first Salzburg had conceded in five Uefa Cup matches in the Prater Stadium, and came after a spell of heavy Austrian pressure. After it, Inter always looked the more threatening side on the break, with Sosa hitting the bar on the stroke of half-time.

Luton slide into trouble

By Keith Pike

LUTON Town continue to suffer from an FA Cup hangover that threatens their survival in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, despite breaking a ten-hour scoring drought at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night.

David Preece's goal, which secured a 1-1 draw against Millwall and their only point in six games, was their first in 620 minutes' football, but the team that eliminated Newcastle United and West Ham United before losing to Chelsea in the FA Cup semi-finals has been dragged back into relegation trouble.

Preece finally broke through midway in the second half after a mix-up between Kasey Keller, Millwall's American goalkeeper, and Neil Emblen over a back-pass. Earlier both James, with a spectacular volley, and Dixon, with a powerful header, had been denied by the Millwall woodwork, but Kerr's equaliser five minutes later enabled the London side to maintain fifth place and hopes of a place in the play-offs.

"We dominated the game and had enough half-chances to have won it, but we are still not getting the breaks in front of goal," David Pleat, the Luton manager, said yesterday. He was disappointed at what he thought was an "un-Luton like obssession with the high ball", but said he had no complaints about his team's commitment. "We have to keep going," he said.

Luton face a potentially crucial game against West Bromwich Albion next Tuesday, and their chances to staying up were hardly helped by Oxford United's outstanding performance on Tuesday. Two goals down after 21 minutes against Sunderland at Roker Park, Luton's fellow-strugglers recovered to win 3-2 with a superb goal five minutes from time by Allen and move out of the bottom three.

Millwall, meanwhile, face a battle to hold on to several of their best young players if they fail to win promotion. "The vultures are hovering," Mick McCarthy, the manager, said. "Our new ground is all paid for and there is not a pressure on us to get into the Premier League, but we have a big wage bill and other clubs are well aware of that." Lou Macari, of Celtic, Bruce Rioch, of Bolton Wanderers, and Phil Neal, the Coventry City manager, were among those at Kenilworth Road.

McCarthy believes Millwall now "need snookers" to secure automatic promotion, and was less than impressed with his team's defending, particularly the mistake which led to Luton's goal. "I keep telling them that you don't have to be clever in situations like that, just kick the ball away," he said, "but out of the last ten goals we have conceded eight of them have probably been giveaways, and if we keep defending like that we've got to score brilliant goals to get them back."

John Aldridge's 27th goal of the season put Tranmere Rovers on the way to a 2-0 victory over Charlton Athletic at Prenton Park and keep them at the head of the play-off pack. Leicester City also maintained their hopes with a 1-0 victory over Portsmouth.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum, first day of four
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Durham
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Somerset
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Essex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Glamorgan
Other matches
11.0, first day of four
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire
11.30 to 6.30, first day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Hove: Sussex v Nottinghamshire.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Stockport v Reading .....
GM Vauxhall Conference
Gateshead v Welling (8.0) .....
Runcorn v Bath (7.45) .....
Stalybridge v Yeovil (7.45) .....
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton v St Albans; Chesham v Enfield; Hendon v Kingstonian; Marlow v Yeading. Second division: Tilbury v Collier Row. Third division: Bracknell v Hornchurch.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay v Prickley; Knowsley v Matlock; Leek v Chorley. First division: Bamber Bridge v Eastwood; Casmarton v Gretna; Guiseley v Goole; Warrington v Workson. Challenge Cup: Final: Hyde v Spennymoor (7.45).
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Moor Green v Waterlooville. Midland division: Clevedon v Newport AFC. Southern division: Newport IOW v Dunstable.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Cardiff v Swansea.
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Newry v Linfield (7.45).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Villa v Derby; Blackburn v Liverpool; Leeds v Wolverhampton; Nottingham Forest v Coventry. Second division: Bradford v Scunthorpe
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Ipswich; Charlton v Queens Park Rangers (7.0); Luton v Chelsea (2.0). Second division: Exeter v Birmingham (7.0).
EUROPEAN UNDER-16 YOUTH FINALS (Dublin): Group A: Spain v Austria (7.0); Belorussia v Albania (7.0). Group B: England v Republic of Ireland (7.0); Portugal v RCS. Group C: Denmark v Russia (6.30); Switzerland v Germany (6.30). Group D: Iceland v Belgium (3.0); Turkey v Ukraine (3.0).

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Ottershaw).

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BBC 1

6.00 Business Breakfast (53935)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (75761570)

9.05 Kilroy. Daily topical discussion (s) (9095157)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9973428) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (8388916)

10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick (s) (22504461)

12.15 Pebble Mill with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (8387596) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (77202645)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (80428)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69061119) **1.50 Going for Gold** with Henry Kelly (s) (69065935)

2.15 The Phantom of the Opera. The conclusion of Gaston Leroux's thriller starring Burt Lancaster and Charles Dance (r). (Ceefax) (s) (295732)

3.50 Secret Life of Toys (s) (6251515) **4.05 Rude Dog and the Dweebs** (r) (s) (6241664) **4.20 Watt on Earth** (r) (s) (8262157) **4.35 The House of Gristle** (Ceefax) (s) (6511770)

5.00 Newsround (4682751) **5.05 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (1461886)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (674914) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Jill Dando and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (683)

6.30 Regional news magazines (935)

7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (5683)

7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (119)

8.00 Gorillas in the Midst of Man. Brian Blessed narrates this film following the work of biologists and conservationists as they endeavour to protect the dwindling population of the mountain gorilla. (Ceefax) (188577)

8.50 Unforgettable with Greg Proops. (Ceefax) (910886)

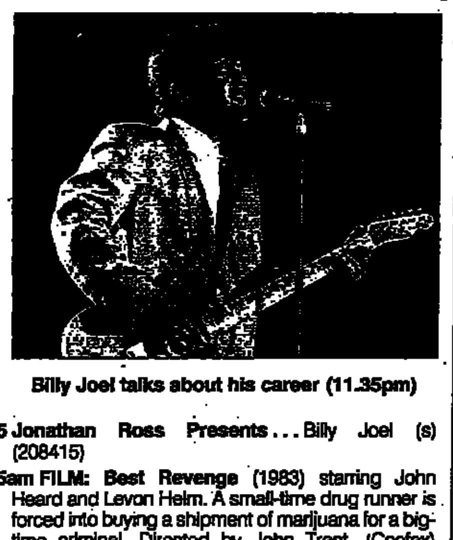
9.00 A Party Election Broadcast by the Green Party. (Ceefax) (573645)

9.05 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (340119)

9.35 Cardiac Arrest: Doctors and Nurses. Hard-hitting medical drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (582393)

10.05 Harry Enfield's Television Programme. Comedy and caricatures. With Paul Whitehouse and Kathy Burke (r). (Ceefax) (s) (828732)

10.35 Question Time presented by David Dimbleby from Bristol. The panel is Terry Waite and MPs John Gummer, Charles Kennedy and Harriet Harman. (Ceefax) (382428) **Wales:** The Slate Arts 11.05 Question Time 12.05am Football 12.35 Jonathan Ross Presents 1.05-2.35 FILM: Best Revenge



Billy Joel talks about his career (11.35pm)

11.35 Jonathan Ross Presents... Billy Joel (s) (208415)

12.05am FILM: Best Revenge (1983) starring John Heard and Levon Helm. A small-time drug runner is forced into buying a shipment of marijuana for a big-time criminal. Directed by John Trent. (Ceefax) (5309726) **1.35 Weather** (7935455). Ends at **1.40**

2.45-3.00 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (9001928)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Maths (3909645) **7.10** Electrons and Atoms (8951157) **7.35** Minerals under the Microscope (5047157)

8.00 Breakfast News with signing. (Ceefax) (4882935)

8.15 Westminster Daily. A report on yesterday's proceedings in Parliament (2186206)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Philbert the Frog (s) (38690799) **1.25** Christopher Crocodile (38682770) **1.30-1.40** Brum (54483003)

2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, followed by **Watch Summer Extras** (s) (14581770)

2.15 World Snooker. David Vine and Dougie Donnelly introduce semi-final action from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield (s) (4177664)

3.00 Westminster Live Coverage of Prime Minister's questions. (Ceefax) (1825312) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3274190)

4.00 World Snooker. Further coverage (s) (2732)

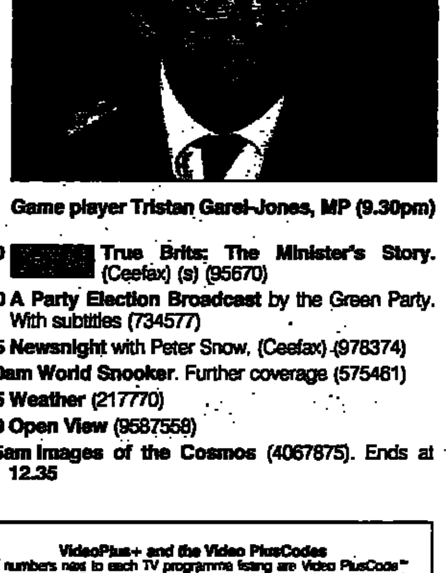
6.00 FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1966) starring Phil Silvers, Jim Dale, Peter Butterworth and other regular team members in this tall tale following the exploits of a young man who joins the Foreign Legion. Directed by Gerald Thomas. (Ceefax) (89848)

7.30 First Sight: Election Forum. On the eve of crucial local elections in London and the Home Counties, Tim Ewart chairs a debate between voters and leading politicians on major issues in the South East **Wales:** The Big Country Show **East:** Matter of Fact **Midlands:** Midlands Report **North, North-west, North-East:** Close Up North **South:** Southern Eye **South-west:** Close-up (461)

8.00 Taking Liberties: All the Queen's Men. (Ceefax) (9645)

8.30 Top Gear. Chris Goffey tells the story of a 1913 Bugatti called Black Bess and Stephen Bayley test drives the stylish new Civic coupé from Honda. (Ceefax) (s) (1480)

9.00 World Snooker. Semi-final action from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield (s) (1848)



Game player Tristan Garel-Jones, MP (9.30pm)

9.30 True Brits: The Minister's Story. (Ceefax) (s) (95670)

10.30 A Party Election Broadcast by the Green Party. With subtitles (734577)

10.35 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (978374)

11.20am World Snooker. Further coverage (575461)

11.55 Weather (217770)

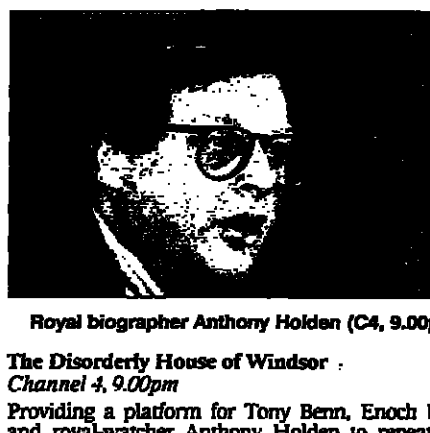
12.00 Open View (9587558)

12.05am Images of the Cosmos (4067875). Ends at **12.35**

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True Brits: The Minister's Story
BBC2, 9.30pm

Tristan Garel-Jones is a Conservative MP with a relishable sense of humour. He tells of how he unwittingly voted for himself to succeed John Major in a telephone poll conducted by the *News of the World*. In the latter part of 1992 Garel-Jones was the Foreign Office minister responsible for getting the Maastricht bill through a sceptical Parliament. The first of a six-part series on the FO follows his progress. If Maastricht is an underwhelming subject, Garel-Jones is sheer delight. He revels in the manipulation and the intrigue. His language is often creative. He describes his attempts to win round the Spanish as "showing Gonzales a bit of ankle". And his reaction to moments of stress is to thank God that it is only a game.



Royal biographer Anthony Holden (C4, 9.00pm)

The Disorderly House of Windsor
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Providing a platform for Tony Benn, Enoch Powell and royal-watcher Anthony Holden to repeat their well-publicised opinions might seem to be slim justification for yet another programme on the troubles of the British monarchy. But Christopher Hird's film at least takes a different approach. He goes back to Queen Victoria and argues that the present difficulties largely stem from the way the royals have been promoted. The public relations offensive began when Disraeli made Victoria Empress of India. It has continued in the present century through cinema newsreels, the wireless and television. But after recent marital scandals, the attempt to show the royals as the model national family has seriously backfired.

Taking Liberties
BBC2, 8.00pm

Su Carnoghan-Jones's six-year-old son died in a house fire while on an access visit to his father. She was anxious to know exactly what happened, so that she could come to terms with her bereavement. She relied on the inquest to tell her. But it went ahead without her and the first she knew of its deliberations was when she read of its verdict on a newspaper billboard. Coroners, it emerges from John Ware's disquieting report, have complete discretion of which witnesses to call and what evidence to disclose. Their behaviour is often controversial but only one has been removed since 1949. Aggrieved parties can challenge a coroner's ruling in the High Court but the process is cumbersome and rarely proves satisfactory.

Heaven, Hell and Suburbia
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Having comprehensively rubbished suburban living in his previous programmes, Jonathan Glancey now puts forward the alternative. This is the city, "the greatest artifact mankind has built." Objections that cities are dangerous and breeding grounds for crime are brushed aside. Glancey celebrates the apartment blocks of Paris and New York as the antithesis of keep-ourselves-to-ourselves detached house suburbia. While suburbs ghettoise people, cities bring them together. Even the London Barbican, to many a featureless concrete monster, gets a nod of approval. You do not have to agree with Glancey to concede that he is a lively advocate who never lets his polemic descend into abuse. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (5067645)

9.25 Cross Wits Crossword game (2454206) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8397664)

10.00 The Time... The Place... (s) (7172596)

10.35 This Morning Weekday magazine (22538428) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3741732)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7735312)

12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (7710003) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (73786461)

1.55 Gardener's Diary John Ravenscroft with seasonal advice (51495206) **2.25 A Country Practice** Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (66095954) **2.50 TV Weekly** (s) (4207409)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (3786770) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3785041)

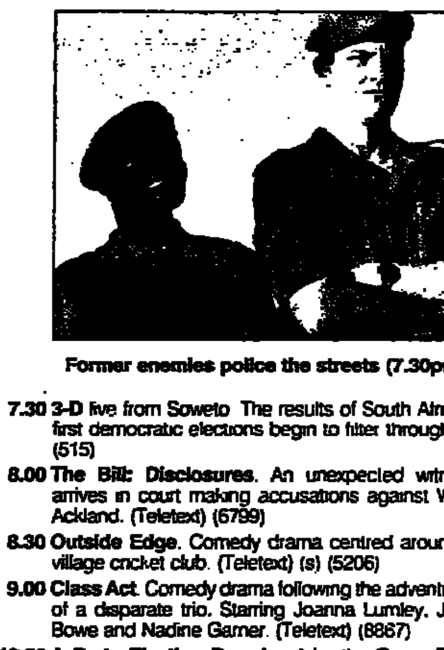
3.30 The Riddlers Puppet fun (6242867) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (3272732) **3.50 Rupert** (8626935) **4.20 Animaniacs** (Teletext) (s) (8248577) **4.40 Stanley's Dragon** Last in the series (s) (5293225)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1455225)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (351136)

6.00 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (42119)

7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (3521)



Former enemies police the streets (7.30pm)

7.30 3-D live from Soweto The results of South Africa's first democratic elections begin to filter through (s) (515)

8.00 The Bill: Disclosures. An unexpected witness arrives in court making accusations against WPC Ackland. (Teletext) (6799)

8.30 Outside Edge. Comedy drama centred around a village cricket club. (Teletext) (s) (5206)

9.00 Class Act Comedy drama following the adventures of a disparate trio. Starring Joanna Lumley, John Bowe and Nadine Garner. (Teletext) (8867)

10.00 A Party Election Broadcast by the Green Party (700022)

10.05 News at Ten with John Suchet (Teletext) and weather (853428) **10.35 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (468022)

10.45 The Frost Programme. Sir David Frost's discussion series on topical matters concerning London. His guests include Zöe Wanamaker (s) (991413)

11.45 Bodies of Evidence. Homicide squad drama series (s) (194645)

12.35am Street Legal. Drama series about a Canadian law firm (2861436)

1.30 Donahue. Two married couples talk to Phil Donahue about their experiences during a week-long sexual therapy course at an idyllic tropical resort (23959)

2.30 The Beat with Gary Crowley (r) (s) (94788)

3.30 Quiz Night. The Cardigan Arms from Leeds v Bedfordshire's Sportsman (98726)

4.00 The Album Show with Lynn Parsons (r) (s) (37417)

5.00 Videofashion (r) (46374)

5.30 ITN Morning News (97368). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Star Street. Animation (r) (3903461)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (63751)

9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (28041)

9.30 Schools: Middle English Stories, Authors, Books (2822935) **9.48** Film and Video Showcase Soap Operas (9463645) **10.08** Equinox Theme Park Heaven (998664886) **10.54** Schools at Work (9202732) **11.00** Reviewing the Landscape A Grove There Was (5673770) **11.20** A Sense of Tradition (7996022) **11.40** The French Programme Vidéotèque (4385119)

12.00 House to House Political magazine presented by Maya Even (15577)

12.30 Sesame Street The guest is actor Robin Williams (r) (95428) **1.30 Widget**. Animation (51418157)

1.55 Secrets of the Moor: The High Moor – August Photographer Chris Chapman walks across the Chains on Exmoor and looks at collections of Bronze Age remains (r) (51493845)

2.25 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.30, 3.00, 3.40 (1,000 Guineas) and 4.15 races (29697409)

4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (426)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. America's favourite agony aunt talks to people with irritating voices and invites a voice expert to give a therapy session in the studio (Teletext) (s) (6648225)

5.30 Deputy Dawg. Canine cartoon capers (757931)

6.00 The Wonder Years Nostalgic look at life in the early Seventies through the eyes of a teenage boy (393)

6.30 Running the Halls. American high school comedy (Teletext) (s) (645)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) (516935)

7.50 Comment (Teletext) (794515)

8.00 Heaven, Hell and Suburbia: The Shining City (Teletext) (7041)

8.30 The Great Outdoors Trevor Ward looks into the safety records of outdoor activity centres for teenagers; Ian Francis has a go at roller blading, Liz Kershaw rides the surf in Cornwall, and Sheryl Simms gives advice on choosing tents and wet suits (Teletext) (s) (3848)

9.00 The Disorderly House of Windsor (Teletext) (s) (6409)



Bujold, Kristofferson as old flames (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: Trouble in Mind (1985) Futuristic crime thriller starring Kris Kristofferson as a former policeman whose life is transformed by a young couple he meets after completing a prison sentence. With Keith Carradine, Genevieve Bujold, Lori Singer and Tracy Kristofferson. Directed by Alan Rudolph. (Teletext) (44507515)

12.05am Love Talk. A couple relate their experiences of dating agencies to Carolyn Marshall (r) (s) (4085271)

12.35 Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (2873271)

1.35 Riders of the Dawn Final episode of the Spanish drama. Subtitled (r) (4339417). Ends at **2.35**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only until 6.00) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lynn Parsons, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier, including at **3.45** Batman **4.00** Nicky Campbell, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** The NightTime Show (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show **8.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Debbie Thrower **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Wally Whyton with Country Music **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** The Gospel Train **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mar **2.05pm** Ruscoe on Five, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time, and at **3.40** Racing from Newmarket **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** Women on Top **8.35** The World Cup Years. 1966 — England **9.05** Sports America **10.00** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.00** Night Moves **2.00am** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Frühmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin, including Tips für Touristen **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The House of the Spirits **8.30** Network UK **9.00** World News **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Shakespeare's Globe **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The House of the Spirits **3.45** Sportsworld **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell: News in German **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Two Cheers for April **1.00** World News **1.10** British News **1.15** Music Review **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Shakespeare's Globe **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 1 in F minor Charles Neidich, Orpheus CO) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** The Travel Guide Arcona **8.00** Evening Concert: Yehudi Menuhin conducts a chamber orchestra made up of quartets taking part in the Yehudi Menuhin String Quartet competition **10.00** Robert Booth **1.00-6.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N J Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (8397664) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (3741732) **1.55** The Young Doctors (69059374) **2.20** TV Weekly (66087935) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (4207409) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (3785041) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1455225) **6.00** Home and Away (332119) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (771515) **10.35** Anglia News and Weather (468022) **10.45** Go Fishing (434119) **11.15** MacGyver (887883) **12.10am** Special Report (4086900) **12.40** Dadah is Death (4708349) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (7883097) **2.15** America's Top Ten (15320) **2.45** Beware of Blondie (9303875) **3.55** Jobfinder (2076320) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5754097)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69059374) **2.20** TV Weekly (66087935) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (4207409) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1455225) **6.00** Home and Away (332119) **6.25** Central News and Weather (340138) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (648003) **10.35** Central News and Weather (468022) **10.45** The Night the City Screamed (38696954) **12.35am** Phoenix (2955829) **1.35** The Little Picture Show (4331875) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (2854981) **3.35** Night Shift (10468417) **3.45** Jobfinder (1254097) **4.50** Quiz Night (66193707) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6949233)

VARIATIONS

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Runway (51495206) **2.25-2.50** Gardening Time (66095954) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1455225) **5.55** Home and Away (637698) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (771515) **10.45** Something Strange (434119) **11.15** The West This Week (424732) **11.45** Prisoner Cell Block H (845732) **12.40am** Dadah is Death (4708349) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (7883097) **2.15** America's Top Ten (15320) **2.45** Beware of Blondie (9303875) **3.55** Jobfinder (2076320) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5754097)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (771515) **7.30-8.00** The Mal Pope Interviews (515) **10.45** The Sherman Plays Shorten Curlies (434119) **11.15-11.45** 3-D (424732)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 Country Practice (69059374) **2.20** TV Weekly (66087935) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (4207409) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (751) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (913) **10.45** Bodies of Evidence (385515) **11.40** Love and War (181634) **12.10am-12.35** Coach (8175349) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (46374)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69059374) **2.20** TV Weekly (66087935) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (4207409) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (764190) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (913) **10.45** The Samson Darts Classic (994312) **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (857577) **12.25am** The George McKenna Story (345287) **2.10** America's Top Ten (4665368) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7850981) **3.10** Lady of the Tropics (850417) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (6186788)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (8397664) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry News (3741732) **1.55** The Sullivans (51495206) **2.25-2.55** TV Weekly (66086206) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (3785041) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (42119) **10.00-10.05** A Party Political Broadcast On Behalf Of The Green Party (700022) **10.35** Westcountry News (468022) **10.45** Westcountry Focus (434119) **11.15** Prisoner Cell Block H (687883) **12.10am** Wild World of the East (4086900) **12.40** Dadah is Death (2749691) **1.45** Superstars of Wrestling (30839) **2.15** America's Top Ten (15320) **2.45** Beware of Blondie (9303875) **3.55** Jobfinder (2076320) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5754097)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (8397664) **1.55** A Country Practice (69059374) **2.20** TV Weekly (66087935) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (4207409) **5.55** Calendar (764190) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (913) **10.35** Calendar News and Weather (468022) **10.45** Edit V (994312) **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (857577) **12.25am** The George McKenna Story (945287) **2.10** America's Top Ten (4665368) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7850981) **3.10** Lady of the Tropics (850417) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (6186788)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (63751) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (28041) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (775461) **12.00pm** House To House (15577) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (58770) **1.00** Food File (73138) **1.30** The Wonder Years (57041) **2.00** Water Water Everywhere (66074461) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket (29697409) **4.30** Slot 23 (1445848) **4.35** Tomos Y Tanc (7722935) **4.45** Uned 5 (5084515) **5.30** Fifteen To One (480) **6.00** Newyddion (429119) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (321138) **6.25** Heno (779157) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8393) **7.30** O' R Grand Pigion Y Gyfres (12119) **8.30** Newyddion (3848) **9.00** Treeon (430138) **9.35** Sbwcer: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd 1994 (575003) **10.05** Betty Blue (49752393) **1.25am** The Bnel (3686702)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Women's Studies: Mothers and Daughters **6.55** Weather

7.00 On Air Allegri (Miserere mei); Copland (Outdoor Overture); **7.32** Strauss (Das Bächlein, Op 88 No 1); **8.05** Couperin (Venite exultemus Domino), **8.24** Ravel (Alborada del gracioso); Beethoven (Clarinet Trio in B flat, Op 11)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Messiaen. Antony Pitts considers *Cinq Rechants* in the light of the *Turangalila-Symphonie*, and introduces a recording of Messiaen playing the organ in the church where he worked for most of his life

10.15 Musical Encounters Lully (Marche pour la Cérémonie des Turcs); Mark-Anthony Turnage (Three Screaming Popes); **10.53** Purcell (Trio Sonata No 6 in C); Prokofiev (Symphony No 5 in B flat)

12.00 Ensemble: The Beethoven String Trio of London performs Beethoven (String Trio in C minor, Op 9 No 3); Reger (Trio in A minor, Op 77b)

1.00pm The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish SO under Takuo Yuasa performs Berlioz (Overture, Le Corsaire. Love Scene, Romeo and Juliet); Weber (Symphony No 1)

2.00 In Schools: In the News; **2.20** Dance Workshop; **2.40** Singing Together: Change

3.00 International Recital Series: The Palladian Ensemble performs Baroque trio sonatas. Handel (Trio Sonata in C minor, Op 2 No 1a); Leclair (Deuxième Récréation de Musique); Bach (Trio Sonata in F, BWV 529)

3.45 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes, with Geoffrey Tozer, piano, performs Respighi (Piano Concerto in A minor, Concerto in Modo Misolidio)

5.00 The Music Machine: Indian melodies

5.15 In Tune: Music, news and arts stories from Cardiff. The guest is Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel

7.30 Glimpses of Beyond: Kent Nagano conducts the LSO in the UK premiere of Messiaen's *Eclairs sur l'Au-delà* (r)

8.45 Godslots: Anna Massey performs *The Spider's Web*, by Graeme Fife

8.55 Bach: Partita in A minor for unaccompanied flute, BWV 1013 (Lisa Beznosiuk) (r)

9.15 Heaven Upon Earth: Holy Week at the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, Constantinople (r)

10.15 Norman's Conquest: Mel Hill presents the first of a ten-part profile of Norman Granz (r)

10.45 Night Waves: Includes a review of *Playboy of the Western World* at the Bristol Old Vic

11.30 Voices: Duparc (Phidylé, L'invitation au Voyage; La vie antérieure; Le manoir de Rosemonde: Au pays où se fait la guerre; Chanson triste); Chausson (Poème de l'amour et de la mer)

1.00-2.20am Night School (as 2-3pm); **2.00** Infant Science, **2.10** Poetry Corner **2.30-3.10 Night School Extra:** Spanish 14-16 — Radio Ondas

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze

9.45 Letter from... John Halkes on Cornwall

10.00-10.30 The Three Musketeers (FM only). See Choice

10.00 News; Daily Service (LW)

10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Letter to the Hebrews

10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the poet Vicky Feaver. Incl **11.00 News**

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Litmus Test: Fred Harris chairs the light-hearted science quiz **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; The Campden Wonder A fact-based drama by Richard Derrington and Roger Hume about the mysterious disappearance of William Harrison, a rent collector in the service of the Campden family in Chipping Campden in 1660. With Peter Jeffrey and Nigel Anthony

3.00 Anderson Country

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope at 21: Richard Eyre talks to Paul Allen about his arrival at the Nottingham Playhouse

4.45 Short Story: The Pubic House, by Rhys Davies. Read by Andy Rivers

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Paris, London: Another selection of comedy sketches

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Unwritten Rules: See Choice

8.00 Analysis: Whose Authority? Melanie Phillips examines the importance of next week's local elections

8.45 Silver Threads: Former armed robber John Williams reads from his autobiography

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Ted Harrison presents the programme for listeners with disabilities

9.30 Kaleidoscope at 21 (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Devil's Own Work. Ian Holm reads Alan Judd's novella

11.00 Winston Back Home, by Peter Tinniswood. In *A Born Natural*, Winston is plotting to get rid of the rest of the family so that he can be alone with Nancy. With Bill Wallis and Shirley Dixon

11.30-12.00 Europigeon — John Shuttleworth (FM only): Sheffield singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth makes a bid for the Eurovision Song Contest prize with a romantic ballad entitled "Pigeons in Flight"

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
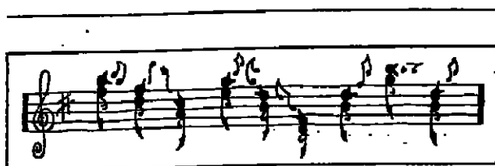
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

The Three Musketeers. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

James Saunders's serialisation of the Dumas classic begins with the swashbuckling trio (Robert Glenister, Timothy Spall, Anton Lesser) plus their new companion d'Artagnan (Jamie Glover) jointly whistling the opening fanfare's theme. So, at a single stroke, the serial's style is established — Dumas served up faithfully but jauntily. Director Martin Jenkins can take credit for the overall jolly japery. But it is Saunders who deserves the biggest pat on the back. Thanks to the signposts he sets up throughout his script, I scarcely ever got lost in Dumas's labyrinthine plot.

Unwritten Rules: Business People. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

Why do people who are negotiating business deals generally behave differently than they do at home? Dr David Cook, conducting tonight's enquiry, has no need to call on a psychologist. His cast of managing directors and commercial theoreticians provide all the answers. The profit motive keeps cropping up. So does competition. And when honesty is mentioned, it is followed by a semi-retraction that sounds like "Whoops!". **Peter Davalle**

WAKE UP TO A CLASSIC BREAKFAST SHOW.
DAILY 6-9AM.
CLASSIC FM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (51260022) **8.45** Cartoons (8280916) **9.30** Card Sharks (5157732) **9.55** Concentration (5165751) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2785480) **10.30** The Urban Peasant (42645) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (13770) **12.00** Paradise Beach (66225) **12.30pm** E Street (74732) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (85765) **2.00** A Man Called Intrepid (96515) **3.00** Another World (3146312) **3.45** DJ Kat (3766935) **5.00** Star Trek (8312) **6.00** Paradise Beach (4225) **6.30** E Street (5577) **7.00** Blockbusters (9041) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4461) **8.00** Rescue (23022) **9.00** LA Law (43886) **10.00** Star Trek (13645) **11.00** David Letterman (18585) **12.00** The Outer Limits (54726) **1.00am** Hill Street Blues (97523)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise Europe (97393) **9.30** ABC Nightline (92916) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (75751) **11.30** Japan Business (14886) **1.30pm** CBS News (71645) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (27867) **3.30** Nightline (97080) **4.30** News and Business (1374) **7.30** The Reporters (55138) **9.30** Talkback (56683) **11.30** CBS News (82312) **12.30am** ABC News (99981) **1.30** The Reporters (46691) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (96287) **3.30** Talkback (95504) **4.30** The Reporters (72504) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (20610)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (7828670)
10.00 To My Daughter (1991): Rue McClanahan's eldest child dies (85848)
12.00 The Ugly American (1963): Marlon Brando plays an American ambassador embroiled in a political crisis in Asia (60190)
2.00pm The World of Henry Orient (1964): Peter Sellers as a pianist (37225)
4.00 Showdown (1973). Rock Hudson and Dean Martin fall out over a woman (1356)
6.00 To My Daughter (as 10am) (17461)
8.00 The Hand That Rocks the Cradle (1992). Nanny Rebecca DeMornay takes her revenge on Annabella Sciorra (29206)
10.00 Marked for Death (1990): Steven Seagal tackles drug dealers (895393)
11.35 New Jack City (1991) Cops Judd Nelson and Ice-T battle drug baron Wesley Snipes on the streets of New York (749335)
1.20am Murder on the Rio Grande (1993) Victoria Principal is forced to run for her life after her boyfriend is shot dead (3036726)
2.50 Midnight Ride (1992). Serial killer Mark Hamill stalks Michael Dudikoff's estranged wife (Savina Gersak) (7790900)
4.20-5.55 Showdown (as 4pm) (785900)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Young Mr Lincoln (1939, b/w): Starring Henry Fonda, Alice Brady (21587)
8.00 There Was a Crooked Man... (1970). Kirk Douglas plots to break out of an Arizona desert prison (76588848)
10.05-12.05am Nuts (1987). Barbra Streisand's sanity is on trial (508472)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The New Adventures of Robin Hood. Cartoon version (82461)
7.00 The Prisoner of Zenda (1988) Cartoon about a royal lookalike (51138)
8.00 Alice in Wonderland (1988): Animated version of Lewis Carroll's story (9255374)
8.55 The Canterville Ghost: A British ghost's haunt is disrupted (8288190)
9.45 The Three Worlds of Gulliver (1959): Starring Kerwin Mathews (91360138)
11.25 55 Days in Peking (1963). Nicholas Ray's epic about the Boxer rebellion in turn-of-the-century Peking (36265515)
2.00pm The Sea Chase (1955). German sea captain John Wayne attempts to make it back to the Fatherland (35867)
4.00 Alice in Wonderland (as 8am) (99577)
5.00 The Canterville Ghost (as 8.55am) (1022)
6.00 Driving Me Crazy (1991): Ethan Randall is driven home for Thanksgiving by his mother's vulgar boyfriend (15003)
8.00 Blind Spot (1993). A congresswoman's career is threatened by a family scandal Starring Joanne Woodward (27848)
10.00 Omen IV — The Awakening (1991): A young couple discover that their adopted baby girl is in league with the devil (526751)
11.40 Mother of the Bride (1992) Rue McClanahan is torn between two men while planning her daughter's wedding (357003)
1.15am Servants of Twilight (1992) Religious horror story (217962)
2.55 Leaving Normal (1992). Christine Lahti and Meg Tilly in a gentler version of *Thelma and Louise* (996523) Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (67515) **7.30** Soccer (9939480) **7.45** WWF Wrestling (2691480) **8.30** Sportsworld (62596) **9.00** Prime Bodies (53848) **9.30** Rugby Union (72461) **10.30** NBA Basketball (92225) **12.00** Basketball (17022) **2.00pm** Adventure Sport (38515) **3.00** PGA Golf (474480) **6.00** Soccer News (127374) **6.15** WWF Wrestling (820480) **7.00** Boots 'n' All (58732) **8.00** Ladies' Golf (67480) **9.00** Boot Room (54918) **10.00** Soccer (644867) **10.15** European PGA Golf (161848) **12.00** French Football (72146) **1.00-3.00am** Australian Rugby (90146)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (31190) **8.00** Gymnastics (29867) **10.00** Eurogolf (37374) **11.00** Football (65867) **1.00pm** Tennis (10119) **3.00** Ice Hockey (861732) **5.30** Olympic Magazine (80288) **6.30** News (4003) **7.00** Ice Hockey: Canada v Germany (118312) **10.00** Boxing (75683) **11.30** Tennis (28138) **12.00-12.30am** News (74455)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (1233732) **7.30** Neighbours (4582577) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4590596) **8.30** EastEnders (8714634) **9.00** The Bill (2781770) **9.30** The Onedin Line (8204393) **10.30** Bergerac (8628867) **11.30** The Sullivans (3124022) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2778206) **12.30pm** Neighbours (3364190) **1.00** EastEnders (1232003) **1.30** The Bill (3363461) **2.00** Robin's Nest (4859393) **2.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (1790008) **3.00** Knots Landing (3135138) **4.00** Dynasty (4131521) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8027751) **5.40** The Goodies (8657683) **5.55** Sykes (2805886) **6.30** EastEnders (2340747) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9444916) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4379157) **8.30** Robin's Nest (4858864) **9.00** Bergerac (9473438) **10.00** The Bill (2779935) **10.30** The Innes Book of Records (3574912) **11.10** Kenny Everett (7458596) **11.50** Dr Who **12.20am** FILM: Final Appointment (1954) A reporter and his girlfriend hunt a murderer (30101900) **1.30** Video Bites (41305097) **2.00** Night Shopping (8756148)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (85291) **6.30** Babar (23913) **7.00** Paddy (8378225) **7.15** Tic Tac Toons (268867) **7.45** Beverly Hills Teens (1047634) **8.10** Head to Head (5868480) **8.15** You Can't Do That on Television (533954) **8.45** Pastagums (7720041) **9.00** It's Droobee Time (28799) **10.00** Nellie the Elephant (35003) **11.00** RatKan II (75935) **11.30** Babar (78684) **12.00** Paddy (5428954) **12.15pm** Tic Tac Toons (293848) **12.45** Beverly Hills Teens (8380428) **1.10** Head to Head (29921799) **1.15** You Can't Do That on Television (882732) **1.45** Pastagums (64074577) **2.00** Barney and Friends (1683) **2.30** Binky Bill (9954) **3.00** RatKan II (4480) **3.30** Casper and Friends (5080848) **3.55** Head to Head (3510225) **4.00** Beakman's World (8028) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (9190)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Batfink (4944225) **7.25** Hero Turtles (646867) **7.45** Rugrats (645138) **8.15** Doug (6627312) **8.45** Batfink (65138) **9.00** Banana Sandwich (44190) **9.30** Kate and Orbie (6750003) **9.45** Mother Goose and Jungles (6739886) **10.00** Pondles (3435208) **10.15** Eureeka's Castle (737883) **10.45** Nick Shorts (4091848) **11.00** David the Gnome (55157) **11.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (58888) **12.00** The Monkees (64654) **12.30pm** The Muppets (81119) **1.00** Kid's Comedy (64428) **1.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (73190) **2.00** The Chipmunks (7225) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (5596) **3.00** Galaxy High School (6732) **3.30** Hero Turtles (1111) **4.00** Killer Tomatoes (6848) **4.30** Rugrats (5732) **5.00** Clarissa (8577) **5.30** Dracula (9312) **6.00** Doug (6225) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (7577)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (9095870) **4.30** Wild Sanctuaries (3895834) **5.00** Charlotte's (7448252) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1439935) **7.00** Traveller's Guide (4851751) **7.30** Adventures (3245193) **8.00** Terra X (4877798) **8.30** Treasure Islands (4858308) **9.00** Fields of Armour (3141799) **9.30** Special Forces: FBI (3382598) **10.00** Wildside (8474157) **11.00-12.00** Saddam Hussein: Defying the World (1240022)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: The Battle of the Sexes (1960, b/w). With Peter Sellers (8268041) **1.45pm** Yesterreels (98069577) **2.00** FILM: Simon and Laura (1955) With Peter Finch and Kay Kendall (3931175) **3.45** Art Linkletter (10237157) **4.00** Mothers-in-Law (5435616) **4.30** My Three Sons (3590080) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (4868041) **5.30** Hogan's Heroes (9895472) **6.00** Saber of London (2045935) **6.30** Man from Interpol (4045175) **7.00** Yancy (4855577) **7.30** Duffy's Tavern (8645139) **8.00** Avengers (9448732) **9.00** FILM: The Best of Times (1985) Robin Williams wants to replay a high school football game (9458119) **11.00** Mary Hartman (3133770) **11.30-12.00** Donny and Marie (6215374)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (6167732) **7.00** Living (2296080) **8.00** Dr Ruth (8722003) **8.30** On the House (8721374) **9.00** Dr Ruth (8745954) **9.30** Days of Our Lives (1973732) **10.30** Young and Restless (9273393) **11.30** Delia Smith (4325003) **12.00** Stars and Signs (84454041) **12.15pm** Living (56487119) **12.30** Housecalls (7373916) **1.00** Bazaar (2428022) **1.30** Crosswits (7305515) **2.00** Agony Hour (3499916) **3.00** Living (3338954) **3.45** Gladrags (64095683) **4.00** Definition (2287598) **4.30** Infatuation (2276480) **5.00** Musquest (2815225) **5.30** Living (3330133) **5.45** Kilroy (8224848) **6.30** John Tovey (2268225) **7.00** Maternal World (2835461) **7.30** That's Amore (2284409) **8.00** Young and the Restless (4870041) **9.00** FILM: Crimes of the Heart (1986) Three sisters are reunited (4880428) **11.00** That's Amore (4349683) **11.30** Infatuation (3426799)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (2935) **5.30** The Black Stallion (3770) **6.00** Trivial Pursuit (3193) **6.30** Catchphrase (1335) **7.00** All Clued Up (2799) **7.30** The Pyramid Game (7119) **8.00** Snowy River (71080) **9.00** Cats Eyes (96916) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (18799) **10.30** Tales of the Unexpected (94119) **11.00** Lou Grant (36722) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (14146)

MTV

5.00am Wild Side (200928) **8.00** VJ Ingo (636392) **11.00** Soul (57225) **12.00** Greatest Hits (48428) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (10206) **3.00** Sports (9848) **3.30** The Report (1655480) **3.45** At the Movies (1650935) **4.00** News (8497225) **4.15** 3 from 1 (8487848) **4.30** Dial MTV (9848) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (90393) **7.00** Greatest Hits (92190) **8.00** Most Wanted (84867) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (49157) **10.00** The Report (444954) **10.15** Movies (449409) **10.30** News (283393) **10.45** 3 from 1 (288848) **11.00** Party Zone (48751) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (32252) **2.00-5.00** Videos (5325233)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (93515) **7.00** Asian Morning (39954) **8.00** Hindi News (90139) **8.30** Urdu News (7729312) **8.45** English News (7724867) **9.00** Bezeskin (15225) **10.00** Hindi FILM: Aa Gale Lagja (372883) **1.00pm** Wagle Ki Duniya (53409) **1.30** Hindi FILM: Police Public (299886) **4.30** Kiddie Time (3916) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (8596) **7.00** Serial (56374) **8.00** News (838683) **8.15** Hindi FILM: First Love Letter (2443225) **11.15** Shapnear Shohoro (934913) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (1135610) **1.35** Sight and Sound (15533691)

TNT

Theme: Happy Birthday Lionel Barrymore
7.00pm Calling Dr Gillespie (1942, b/w): A mad former patient stalks wheelchair-bound Dr Gillespie. With Philip Dorn (7373138)
8.35 Dr Gillespie's New Assistant (1942, b/w). Three new assistants replace the now departed Dr Kildare (56557393)
10.15 Dr Gillespie's Criminal Case (1943, b/w). The medic tries to help a man wrongly imprisoned for murder (56154867)
11.55 Three Men in White (1944, b/w): Dr Gillespie has to choose a new assistant. With Van Johnson, Marilyn Maxwell (11436312)
1.35am Between Two Women (1944, b/w): The irascible Gillespie takes on the treatment of a psychotic patient (54584097)
3.15 Dark Delusion (1947, b/w). A neurotic girl may have to be committed to an asylum in the last of the Dr Gillespie series (50231788). Ends at **4.40**

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HENDRY FORCED TO PLAY THROUGH THE PAIN BARRIER

THURSDAY APRIL 28 1994

England's target

Venables envies German feats

BY PETER BALL

ENGLAND managers change, but one thing remains constant — Germany continue to be their example and their goad. "Germany are what we should be." Graham Taylor remarked on inheriting the poisoned chalice in 1990.

Two months into the job, his successor, Terry Venables, said much the same thing yesterday. "We have got to try and find out why is it that Germany can get to the later stages of major competitions consistently for 30 years," Venables told a northern football writers lunch in Manchester.

"We have got to find out why Holland, a country far, far smaller than ours, perhaps a country no bigger than Greater London, can keep turning out world class individuals," he said.

"I don't believe you can stand still in football. You either go forward or go backwards, and we have not gone forward in the fashion we should have."

Taylor was soon able to examine the evidence at first hand when Germany arrived at Wembley to end his unbeaten run as England manager. Hitler's birthday last month prevented Venables getting immediate first-hand experience of the task ahead, leaving him instead with a group get-together.



Venables: optimistic

Even that was undermined by the absence of key players from the leading clubs, but typically he insisted that that too had its plus side, giving him a chance to look at the fringe players.

"That get-together for me was vital, and when I said it didn't really matter that the leading players missed it, I really meant that," he added. "It means I can look at those players around the first team at close hand, which will immediately put pressure on the first-team group."

That smacks worryingly of Don Revie, who began his career as England manager by calling a get-together of over 70 potential England players, or even of Graham Taylor's freedom with dispensing England caps. But Venables demurred at the suggestion. "Graham, or before him Bobby Robson, had to take a chance and put someone in, and perhaps they weren't what was wanted and they got one cap and that was it and someone else comes in," he said.

"But by having a look at players outside the first-team group at these get-togethers, you know what you are getting when you bring them in, and perhaps a year down the line you can make the first-team group smaller, have an elite group of 18."

But the problem he faces at the moment is not just how Germany and Holland, two of the great European powers of the last three decades, have been so successful, but the worrying indications that England have not just been left behind at that level, but also by previously middle-ranking teams like Norway or Ireland, who see their strength as coming in large part from having a very small but settled squad.

Many will say that England's failures are down to a lack of players of the requisite quality, but Venables refused to take that easy option.

"We've got good players," he said. "There may be some countries who have better players than us, but there are a lot more who haven't that are doing better."

Ireland and Norway would undoubtedly give a lot to have the resources available to Venables with players like Shearer and Gascoigne, and Venables yesterday said he was optimistic that Gascoigne would be playing again earlier than anticipated. "The doctor was talking about a year, but my guess would be eight months knowing the kind of person he is," Venables said.

"After working with him at close hand, I have never seen a man so determined to get fit. He is an extraordinary character. He is so determined in getting back from injury, he loves his football, and he is worth a few pains now and again because he cares so much about his football and about his country."

☐ Paul McGrath, the Aston Villa defender, has been fined around £5,000 for missing last week's club player of the year awards and for since failing to keep two medical appointments for treatment to a neck injury. The punishment could be doubled today if he is not present when the Villa squad return from last night's game at Newcastle and, if his fitness problems persist, they could also jeopardise his prospects of playing in the World Cup finals for Ireland this summer in the United States.



HANS DERYK

Skipper Riley at the wheel as her all-female crew get their yacht, Heineken, shipshape after the long stretch to Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Protests and writs greet Heineken

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN FORT LAUNDERDALE

BEER and tears were in equal measure when Dawn Riley's all-women Whitbread race crew on *Heineken* reached Fort Lauderdale late on Tuesday to take sixth place on the fifth stage of this round the world race from Uruguay.

The reunion for families and friends was marred by the lone protest by Susan Chiu a former crew mate, and presence of Nance Frank, the yacht's original skipper.

Chiu, standing among the spectators, was arrested by security guards, handcuffed and bundled away to Broward County Jail to be charged with disorderly conduct after repeatedly yelling "Shame on you. You took our boat away from us."

Frank then took centre stage. She is pressing a claim for $15 million against the boat owners, sponsors and race organisers after losing control of the challenge when the crew mutinied at the end of the first leg to Uruguay.

For Frank, it was something of a role reversal. Before the start last September, she had spent the week in Southampton fighting off a similar assault from former supporters and disenchanted crew members whose claims came close to sinking her dream of sailing around the world, before it had begun.

She was able to start at all only after an 11th hour agreement to reschedule the payments for her yacht chartered from Ocean Ventures Ltd, the New Zealand operating company running Ross Field's *Yamaha* Whitbread challenge.

But within eight weeks, Frank's dream turned sour once more when she withdrew from after her navigator and watch leaders refused to continue under her command. This prompted Ocean Ventures to repossess the yacht and form a new crew around the American, Dawn Riley, a watch leader aboard Tracy Edwards's 1992 Whitbread race entry Maiden, a week before the start of the second leg.

In court papers filed this week with the district court of Florida, Frank claims that Yamaha, the race organisers and Heineken, which moved in to sponsor the crew once they reached Fremantle, colluded to force her withdrawal from the race in order to form a new team around Riley.

The charges are strenuously denied by all concerned. David Glen, spokeman for Ocean Ventures and Yamahasaid yesterday. "We bent over backwards to help Nancy by rescheduling the payments for and trying to help when things began to fall apart."

He claims that his company repossessed their yacht only after Frank had withdrawn from the race in order to protect their asset. "The boat had no value stuck in Uruguay", he said. Glen also refutes Frank's claim that they approached Heineken to sponsor the yacht before her withdrawal.

FINISHERS (Uruguay to Fort Lauderdale): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 22 days: 05 hours: 13 mins: 2, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 22:19:16; 3, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 23:03:49; 4, Winston (B Butterworth, US) 23:05:10; 5, Brooksfield (G Mesto, Ar) 23:09:31; 6, Heineken (D Riley, US) 24:05:23; 7, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Piston, Ukr) 24:19:10. Other positions at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to finish. Whitbread 60 class: 8, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 450; 9, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 882; 10, Toltec (C Dickson, NZ) 1,283. Maxi class: 1, Maxi Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 22:12:30; 2, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 22:13.15, 3, La Poste (E Taberly, Fr) 23:16:08; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 300 (estimate).
OVERALL (after five legs): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Yamaha, 107:17:57; 2, Intrum Justitia, 108:04:23, 3, Galicia 93 Pescanova, 108:20:44; 4, Winston, 108:13:05; 5, Brooksfield, 116:03:28. 6, Heineken, 118:16:16; 7, Hetman Sahaidachny, 121:08:28. Maxi class: 1, New Zealand Endeavour, 107:08:14; 2, Merit Cup, 108:00:35; 3, La Poste, 110:16:18.

*Results supplied by BT

Flying ride gives Obree new world hour mark

FROM PETER BRYAN IN BORDEAUX

GRAEME Obree, the Scot, last night regained the world one-hour unpaced record when he covered 52.713 kilometres, adding 557 metres to Chris Boardman's distance set on the same wooden track here last July.

The capacity crowd went wild as Obree reached the five-kilometre mark, by which time he was already showing a substantial gain over Boardman. He gained further points with last night's performance, keeping him clearly at the top of the world track rankings.

For Obree, the ride was one of sweet revenge. He broke the record in Norway last year to end its nine-year "ownership" by Francesco Moser, the Italian professional, only to see Olympic champion Boardman take it from him six days later. The hour record is the most highly-prized in the sport.

As usual, Obree rode a bike that he had designed and built himself — but not his original "old faithful" which he used last year, although it was similar in design. Last night, his original, record-breaking bike was delegated to be a reserve machine in case of mechanical trouble, but it was never needed.

Obree felt under pressure to make the record attempt, believing that the International Cycling Union, the world controlling body, is considering making his aerodynamic design illegal for track records some time next month.

Obree, who turned professional last August and went on to win the world pursuit championship, has already seen his machine banned as "unsafe" for road racing.

Last night, he said legal action "might be considered" if the bike were declared ineligible for record attempts. The margin by which he improved Boardman's record was the biggest surprise, and by approximately half way (26 kilometres), he had established a lead of 20 seconds.

Obree did not appear to have a bad patch, and at 40 kilometres he improved his lead to 27 seconds. By 50 kilometres his advantage was 34 seconds.

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French embrace World Cup boost

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FRANCE, hosts of the 1998 World Cup football finals, cleared the way yesterday for a tournament involving 32 teams. Fernand Sastre, joint president of the French World Cup organising committee, told International Football Federation (Fifa) officials he believed it would be possible to expand from 24 to 32 teams in four years' time.

Sastre was responding to a proposal put forward by Joao Havelange, the Fifa president, to increase the number of teams in the competition to satisfy growing demands, particularly by African and Asian countries, for more places in the finals.

The move calmed growing unrest within Fifa over Havelange's leadership, and effectively scotched plans by European members to put up an opposition candidate for the presidential elections, to be held in Chicago in June.

Sastre, who met Havelange in Vienna yesterday, said he had told Fifa there would be no sporting problems in accommodating 32 teams at the 1998 finals, but that some financial questions would first have to be resolved. Sastre said he believed Fifa would move quickly to take up Havelange's idea, and that the world governing body's executive committee could approve the plan as early as next month, ahead of this year's finals in the United States.

"In sporting terms there is no problem with 32 teams," Sastre said. "We would stick to the same number of stadiums and the length of the competition — 31 days — would stay about the same or be increased slightly. There would be 12 more matches, but the teams taking part would not have to play more. The finalists would still play seven matches."

Sastre said costs would increase, mainly due to the expense of transport for the extra teams and for providing security at the extra games. He hoped this could be met largely by increased revenue from television and publicity for the extra matches.

"I think this will happen in 1998," he said of the Havelange plan. "I am confident we and Fifa will find a way to reach agreement on resolving the problems."

France, like the United States this year, intends to stage the competition using nine stadiums. Sastre said it would not be necessary to redevelop stadiums, with the 12 extra matches divided among the nine chosen to stage the finals.

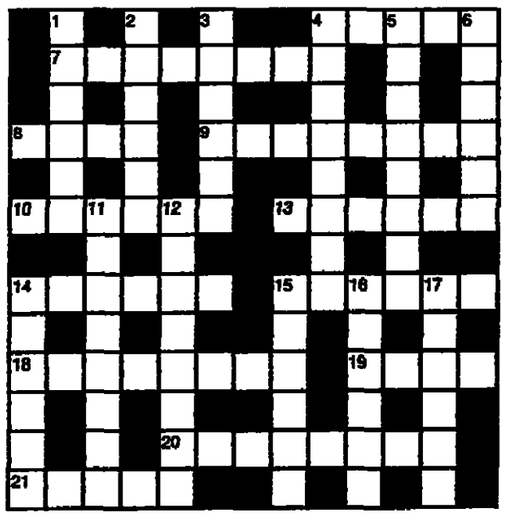
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No 150

ACROSS

4 Word/picture puzzle (5)
7 Remove people from danger zone (8)
8 Take part in sport (4)
9 Young church singer (8)
10 Farm, country house (6)
13 Head servant of house (6)
14 Throat (6)
15 Japanese paid companion (6)
18 *Pied Piper of Hamelin* poet (8)
19 Japanese wrestling (4)
20 Ability to spot tiny faults (5,3)
21 Out of practice (5)

DOWN

1 Itinerant salesman (6)
2 Deep gorge (6)
3 Strength; body tissue (6)
4 Old-fashioned lady's purse (8)
5 Cockneys born in their hearing (3,5)
6 Twain hero; wood worker (6)
11 Legs (on which quadruped goes) (3,5)
12 Fisherman's sweater (8)
14 Rage incoherently (6)
15 Stare incredulously (6)
16 Conforming (2,4); part of a foot (6)
17 Obstruct; food basket (6)

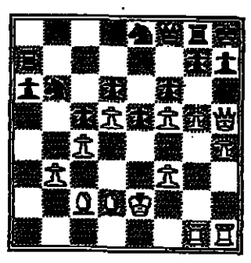
SOLUTION TO NO 149

ACROSS: 1 Plasma 4 Pail 9 Tutor 10 Ill-bred 11 Pincers 12 Plead 13 Wooden spoon 17 Wordy 19 Let down 22 Silicon 23 Rifle 24 Sexy 25 Sherry

DOWN: 1 Put up 2 Antonio 3 Merge 5 Agree 6 La-di-da 7 Missing link 8 Slap-up 14 Dry ice 15 On offer 16 Twists 18 Relax 20 Torch 21 Needy

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Borisenko - Nachimovskaya, USSR 1969.
White needs to prise open the h-file to get at the black king. He achieved this in spectacular fashion. Can you see how?



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By Philip Howard

INLAUT
a. To cruise while running
b. Unwashed
c. A medial sound

KANGRI
a. A hot-water bottle
b. An Ethiopian language
c. Sun-dried buffalo meat

LOOP
a. To be mad
b. A City fraud ring
c. Giddy-up

MIR
a. A fine rug
b. A wonder
c. Russian measure of distance

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